

Museum moves toward accreditation, eligibility for grants, assured future



The Augusta Military Academy Museum moved a step closer to accreditation by the American Association of Museums (AAM) after the adoption by Foundation Trustees of guidelines set forth by the AAM. At its meeting in Fort Defiance on 9 September, the Trustees approved AAM documents on governance and delegation of authority, two of the key requirements toward accreditation.

Says Trustee **Dr. Mary DeCredico**, Professor of History at the United States Naval Academy, "The way the AMA Museum will be able to get private and government grants in the future will be by having the AAM accredit our little museum. The process will be long and arduous requiring the steadfast adherence to a timetable of accomplishment and in our Museum Director **Crysta Stephenson** we have the right person to lead us there."

The AAM Accreditation Commission reviews more than 100 institutions a year. There are a number of pieces that must be in place before the process of visitation and review commences. "Our Museum Director must be on the job for at least three years before the accreditation process begins," say Dr. DeCredico. "In the meantime, we need to be getting all the things done which the AAM will require."

Accreditation will require adoption of a Code of Ethics, a Personnel Policy, a Collections Management Policy and a number of other procedures and practices designed to win approval by the Accreditation Committee.

Foundation Chairman **Bob Bradford**, '50, says that our museum "will have an assured future beyond our days once we are on the list of accredited institutions. We started talking about this at our meeting at VMI in 2009 and now we are on the right track to get the job done with the leadership of Dr. Mary and Crysta."

Coach Ralph dies after car wreck

AMA Reunion 2012 will honor 150th anniversary of the American Civil War

Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation, Inc.



Elsewhere in this issue, you will see that we are coming up to a \$20,000 shortfall by the end of the year.

The options open to us are two: take money from our investments to make up the shortfall or hope that we can get some significant contributions in by the end of the year.

Look on pages 20-21 and you will see what has happened to our contributions just since last year. We know that everyone is struggling in these uncertain days but just like you, we have to pay our bills every month.

Can you help us at this time? Please read the enclosed letter and look into your heart.

What did AMA mean to you? Can you convert that feeling to U. S. dollars before 31 December?



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1935

(JULIAN QUARLES)

Julian Quarles is now back home in Harrisonburg after a series of medical problems while visiting his daughter in Tulsa. He fell and broke his hip, had gallbladder surgery and part of his colon was removed. On 25 June, he flew with his daughter, Mary Nell, to Miami and while there had lunch with some AMA alumni. (See photo on page 24) At age 94½, he has decided to give up driving but is living on his own. Amazing? Maybe, but then you have to remember that his grandfather fought in the War of 1812! Yes, not his great-grandfather, his grandfather! And next year will mark the 200th anniversary of that war with Britain.

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1943

(NONE)

John Younger is back home in East Point, GA after having had several small strokes. Hope this finds you doing much better, John.

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Bob Guggenheimer who distributes a daily e-mail dose of jokes and warm stories went missing for a while and his many friends worried about him way off there in Madrid, Spain. But Bob reappeared announcing that he had spent some time in the hospital and has to undergo open heart surgery with stents to help the blood flow. We are all glad that he is back on line but concerned about his pending surgery. We are thinking about you, Bob, and thanks for all the joy you have brought us with your cheery e-mail messages.

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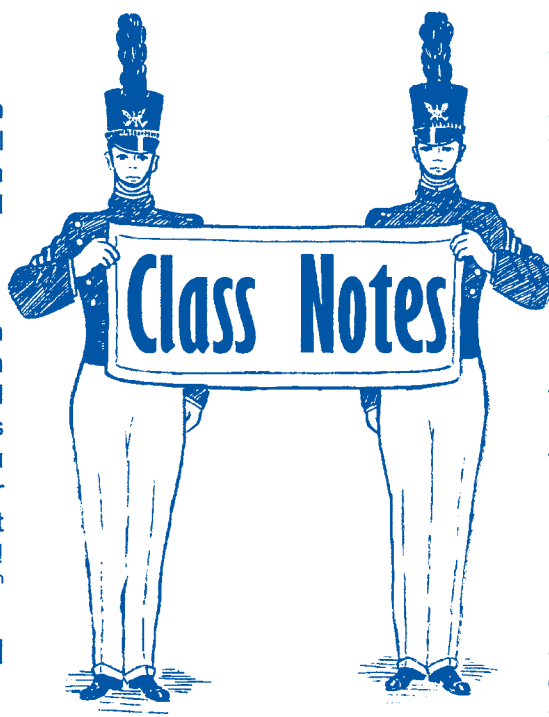
Earl Cabiness just marked his 89th birthday in August. Congratulations!

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1947

(MIKE WELCH)

Colonel Sam Conley and Terry were quite alarmed in June when the massive fires in Arizona came near their home in Sierra Vista. "We were OK but Terry's mother had to leave



This is the very first place AMA Alumni look when *The Bayonet* arrives

Your fellow alumni want to hear about YOU, so Class Notes is the first place they look. Here are a few suggestions which we hope you will act on.

SEND us material about yourself – marriages, jobs, travel, births, deaths, retirement and so forth. Don't be concerned if you don't see your news published right away. *The Bayonet* comes out three times a year and if your story misses one issue, it likely will be in the next one. Be sure to send us news about your classmates and AMA friends.

PHOTOS are always welcome but please understand that just because a digital picture looks good on a computer screen, it will not necessarily look good in print. If you send an actual photograph, it should be printed on GLOSSY paper. If you want the picture returned to you, please put your name and address on the back. DIGITAL PHOTOS in jpeg should be AT LEAST 300 dpi. If you can send a photo in tiff format, that will be even better!

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her home as the fire advanced. Fortunately, fire fighters saved her home." Sam was the Captain of E Company his senior year.

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1948

(ERNEST CLICK)

Ernest Click and Marge are back home in Florida after a near 11,000 mile big rig RV trip out West driving the RV 6,800 miles and putting 4,000 miles on a towed vehicle. They made the 1,600 mile trip from Ogden, UT to Flagler Beach, FL in four long days.

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1949

(FRANK SPENCER)

Stokes Daniels, Jr. has been recovering at home in Danville from two surgeries at Duke University. Hope you are doing well now, Stokes.

Bill Greenman is a Facilities Inspector for the Navy Department, stationed at the Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown. Bill has had 38 years service and he lives in Gloucester, VA. He attended 4th and 5th grades at AMA and "had so much fun that my grades were so terrible that two years at Augusta was all I got."

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1950

(TOMMY CLEMENTS)

Jack Russell reports that Nor broke her ankle in March, then sprained it in May. Now, she is moving around with the help of a walker. The Russells, who dated at AMA, just celebrated their 59th anniversary!

Ed Click and Sue's 62 day cruise begins 12 March in Fort Lauderdale terminating there on 13 May. They will visit Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Malta, Turkey, Ukraine, Greece, Sicily, Italy, Morocco, Spanish Morocco, France and the Azores, 14 countries in all! In late September and early October, the Clicks were joined by Nancy and **Bob Bradford** for a European trip including Budapest, Prague, Vienna, Dresden, Berlin, Paris and London.

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1952

(JIM WHITE)

Roger Messick was trying to hitch his utility trailer (loaded with a half ton of rocks) to his truck when the crank arm collapsed breaking his foot and severely damaging his left hand. He had skin graft surgery on his hand and faces up to eight weeks in a cast on his foot. The accident in August caused him to miss the Foundation trustee and Association board meetings in September. Roger, here's hoping you have a rapid and complete recovery!

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1953

(LEW MUNDIN)

Ozzie Ferro has discontinued his regular phone service in Hialeah and Key Largo and just has his cell phone: 305/505-1679. "I don't want to miss any calls," says he. He also has a new e-mail address. [ferroozzie@att.net]

1957

(GOODLOE SAUNDERS)

Duke Fancher has been told by his doctors to work on regaining his strength so that the repair of his aortic aneurysm can go forward. In April, while in surgery to do the repair, Duke essentially flat lined and was in an induced coma for some time and in the ICU even longer. Since that time, he has had a fall in the doctor's parking lot where he dislocated a hip and has had a bad reaction to an antibiotic. But he also took a five-day cruise to Bermuda and "as a diversion, I had my entire kitchen redone." Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Duke. [tdfan@aol.com]

1960

(FRANK WILLIAMSON)

Bill Mariner and Susan spent a long August weekend in Williamsburg to celebrate her birthday.



Above, Ed Rogerville, '74, and Shelby Leslie at the museum in July. Below, Eddie Dixon, '74, and Melanie. Could Eddie be in trouble?



Frank Williamson and Bev traveled to Vienna, VA to help Susie White surprise Frank's AMA roommate, **Bob White**, on his 70th birthday. Frank spoke at the party before some 200 guests saying that other than Bob's sister, Gayle, he (Frank) had known Bob longer than anyone in the room and referring to their time at AMA, "I am the only guy here who slept with him!" Frank and Bev said it was a

"grand and gracious seated dinner."

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Bob White has just completed building his 16th doll house. "I build them for my grandchildren for Christmas presents. I get a real thrill watching the kids open doll houses, fire houses and lighthouses." His oldest granddaughter is now 14 years old and it was for her that he built his first doll house.

1961

(JACK STEELE)

Art Hurme reports that his wife, Sally, will be President of the Stuart Hall Alumnae/i Organization for the next two years. Art says that she is devoting lots of time to building a strong organization so that "Stuart Hall will never suffer AMA's fate."

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Jim Crawford reports from Atlanta that he was able to attend **Coach Ralph's** funeral in North Carolina on 13 August and "as far as I could tell, I think I was the only representative from AMA to attend." Jim says that he stays busy with children and grandchildren, many of whom live nearby. He coaches and takes part in Marine Corps reunions.

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1967

(MAC McINNIS)

Frank Hruza is back in Whippany, New Jersey after having left Las Vegas in 2009 and spending the interim in Florida. "I am going through another divorce and while my professional career has been stellar, my private life sucks," says he.

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Brock Wagner had a horrific auto accident in June, crossing into oncoming traffic and plunging down a 115



MR & MRS DARRYL MIZER, '62, and friends visit from Sarasota, Florida.

foot embankment. His most serious injury was having his right femur shoved into the cup shaped pocket of the pelvis, shattering the cup. The accident occurred in Georgia, a long way from his home in Naples, FL. He flew back home on 1 July and is continuing his recovery in Naples.

Mac McInnis and Mary Kay had an interesting experience at a farmer's market in Kona on the Big Island in Hawaii. "We were walking around when we spotted a gentleman with a VMI cap," Mac says. "We had a nice conversation and while it was not quite the same as **Don Studer's** finding AMA and SMA graduates in the middle of the desert, it does deserve some attention since we are in the middle of the Pacific Ocean!"

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1968

(GORDON METZ)

Howard Rosenthal had minimally invasive surgery in June to remove tumors attached to two of four parathyroid glands. (Those glands are located in the neck near the thyroid glands and their sole purpose is to regulate calcium in the body) Howard

says that after the surgery, he immediately "had more pep in my step" as his calcium level dropped and his fatigue declined. He and Ruth are headed to China in October, including a trip down the Yangtze which flows 3,400 miles from Tibet to the East China Sea. They will be visiting Shanghai, Beijing "and many places I can't pronounce or spell," says Ruth.

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Jorge Bahr has lived in Columbus, OH for the last 22 years where he is employed by Honda of America. He is married with three children and was **Garry Granger's** roommate in 1966.

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1972

(LEWIE KENNETT)

Mike Kidd had a birthday in August. Rumor has it that he is 58.

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1973

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Max Rodriguez lives in Coral Gables, FL after having moved around a bit. Says he, "After many years away from my gang in Guatemala, I recently went there and got together with

Coach Sassaman ill

Coach Ralph Sassaman has reported that he has brain cancer as well as two spots on his lungs. **Luke Snyder, '60**, got this disturbing news when Sassaman advised him that he would not be able to spend the week at Luke's mountain retreat in North Carolina for which he made the high bid at the Reunion 2011 Silent Auction. Sassaman coached football, baseball and basketball at AMA 1968-71 and taught government and algebra classes. Contact Ralph at: cindysassaman@gmail.com or by phone at 302/740-4381.

Felix Montes, Fernando Lorenzana, Roberto Mena, Ricardo Prado and Jorge Cordon. I have been exchanging e-mails with **Eduardo Ayau** and have spoken with **Eduardo Prado**. Still looking for **Manuel Ayau** and **Danny Mishaan**... AMA helped me shape my life and my attitude toward being the best."

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1974

(BILL BRUDER)

Thom McCabe lost his mother in August. So sorry to hear about this, Thom. She was the sister of **Ed Trout, '58**.

1975

(BRETT THOMPSON)

Mal Livick, Jr. has a new grandson - Handley Lucas Livick, born 14 June. Of course, this means that **Colonel Mal** and **Linda Livick** have a new great-grandson! Congratulations!

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Brett Thompson reports that his son, Will, has been hired as a Defensive Football Coach at Fort Defiance High School. Will graduates from Bridgewater College with a degree in history in December and hopes to become a history teacher and coach after he gets his accreditation. Congratulations to father and son!

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Association, Foundation Boards discuss finances, reunions, museum development

AMA Foundation Trustees and the Alumni Association Boards met at the AMA Museum in September to hear sobering news about contributions, positive news about the 2012 reunion and to set the stage for having the American Museum Association accredit the AMA Museum.

Meeting on Friday 9 September, the trustees heard from **Treasurer Bill Mariner, '60**, that unless contributions increase dramatically by year's end, as much as \$20,000 will have to be taken out of our investment fund to cover the expected shortfall. Looking to 2012, Mariner said that as



PRESIDENT ROVIROSA presides at the Association Board meeting. Seated, l. to r., **Blaine Clarke, '72**, Vice President, **Steve Trent, '70**, Secretary and **Bill Mariner, '60**, Treasurer of both the Association and Foundation.

much as \$40,000 might be needed to make up for an expected shortage. As a result, **Roger Messick, '52**, and **Mark Femrite, '72**, First Captains a score of years apart, will lead a major fund raising effort. In the meantime, leaders are trying to secure more contributions before 31 December to stave off dipping into the investment account.

There was better news about the 2012 reunion. Alumni Association President **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, said that next year's reunion will be much simpler than the 2011 event *"allowing us more time to spend with our old and new friends. I have heard from a lot of our alumni that they want a simpler reunion and we are listening."* The 150th anniversary of the Civil War will be the theme for the reunion. (Details on page 11)

Foundation trustees approved several resolutions designed to get the AMA Museum fully accredited by the American Association of Museums (AAM) which will put the museum in line to receive private and government grants. (Details on page 1) Foundation Chairman **Bob Bradford, '50**, thanked **Trustee Dr. Mary DeCredico** for *"getting us to this place where we can look forward to good results down the road. Dr. Mary and our Museum Director Crysta Stephenson are the right people to take us there."*

Several amendments to Foundation by-laws were adopted including creation of an Executive Committee composed of the Foundation Chair, Treasurer and the President of the Alumni Association. The office of Assistant

Treasurer was created and **Edwin Click, '50**, was elected to that position. Scholarship Chairman **Phil Bentley, '83**, reported that there will be three AMA Legacy Scholarships awarded at Reunion 2012, each worth \$2,000. Two Augusta County school children are beneficiaries of **Roller Scholarships**, funded by **Norvell West, '83**.

Rod Willey, '51, proposed the installation of a heat pump at the AMA Alumni House/Museum which he forecast to save several thousand dollars a year in propane costs. The pump



Ed Click, '50, newly elected Assistant Treasurer, and **Mark Femrite, '72**, who will play a major role in a new fund raising campaign, at the Association Board meeting on 10 September.



FOUNDATION TRUSTEES heard bad news about contributions. L. to r., Chairman **Bob Bradford, '50**, Alumni Association President **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, Treasurer **Bill Mariner, '60**, and Scholarship Chairman **Phil Bentley, '83**.

installed would cost \$6,500 and will require the permission of the United Pentecostal Church which owns the property. **We are looking for an angel who might be willing to help fund this purchase!**

The Foundation trustees adopted mission statements for the Foundation and for the Museum as required by the AAM.

The Association and Foundation Boards both will meet on Saturday 28 January 2012 in Richmond. Details are being worked out. Former Foundation Chair **Frank Williamson, '60**, will lead a tour of Civil War sites in the Richmond area for those who are interested.



Coach Ralph dead after auto accident



COACH BILL RALPH (1930-2011)
accepting election to the AMA Sports Hall of Fame at this year's reunion.

George William "Sonny" Ralph – coach, teacher and minister – passed away 8 August following an automobile accident in Cumming, GA as he was leaving Sunday church services. Ralph, who would have been 81 on 13 November, was "T-boned" by a second vehicle and died the next day from the injuries he received in the crash.

Coach Ralph and his wife, Rosalie, had just moved from North Carolina to Cumming to be near one of their children. The Ralphs attended Reunion 2011 when the coach was inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.

A favorite of **General Roller's**, Bill Ralph, then living in Indianapolis, graduated from VMI in 1954 where he attended on a full football scholarship. He earned twelve letters in football, baseball and basketball and is in the VMI Sports Hall of Fame. He was All State in both football and baseball, Honorable Mention Southern Conference lineman and a Second Team All American. Ralph was drafted by the Chicago Cardinals pro football team but served on active duty in the Army instead from 1954 until 1956.

After his active duty ended, he began to coach and teach at William Byrd High School in Vinton, near Roanoke, and there, he met his future wife, Rosalie Turner. They were married on 1 December

1956. At General Roller's invitation, the Ralphs came to AMA where Bill taught history and coached three sports while Rosalie taught in the Junior School. When he was inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame in April, he said, *"Rosalie deserves some kind of a medal for having taught all those very young cadets."* In seven years at Augusta, Bill's football teams compiled a 39-21-7 record.

Ralph attended the University of Virginia to get a Masters in Education and served as a graduate assistant for the Cavaliers football team. He moved to Virginia Beach to help coach the Norfolk Neptunes pro team, then became head coach at Granby High School where his team won the State AAA Football Championship in 1966 and he was named Virginia High School Coach of the Year. He also coached two years at Kellam High School.

After a weekend of fellowship with a Christian Athletes group, he gave his life to Jesus Christ and went back to school at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary to become a minister. The Ralph family moved to Sanford, NC where he became the pastor of the Center United Methodist Church. He received a Masters in Divinity in 1974 and went on



WITH HIS PLAYERS at Reunion 2011. On the left, Frank Williamson, and on the right, Bud Allison, both from 1960.

to pastor at several churches: St. Marks, First Baptist of Virginia Beach, Ingleside Baptist, The Immanuel Baptist, The Grace Community Church, the Open Door Chapel and Level Green Baptist. He later was interim pastor at Cape Hatteras Baptist and Coinjock Baptist.

Reverend Ralph was the principal at Rock Academy and Chaplain at Randolph Macon Academy. His funeral service was held on 13 August at Center United Methodist Church in Sanford, NC, the first church in his ministry.

Jim Crawford, '61, who attended the funeral, said it was a *"warm service with beautiful music that I am sure Coach would have loved."* Coach Ralph is survived by his wife, Rosalie Turner Ralph; three daughters, Joanie Marbert, Beth Gliatta and Merry Jo DeCarmo; nine grandchildren; and three sisters, Claranell Dillion, Dixie Clark and Suzie Brett.



FROM THE 1958 RECALL - The Spring of 1958 had a record amount of snowfalls extending even into April. The AMA baseball team, above, coached by Bill Ralph, didn't get to play many games but they did work out in the gym.



THE 1957 FOOTBALL TEAM presented a trophy to Coach Ralph after AMA edged Fishburne 14-13. Team Captain Pete Kelley made the presentation at the Football Banquet.



A FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST on Sunday morning has been the last event of a reunion weekend with Reverend Ralph presiding. This photo is from 2007.

When Christ shall come with shout of
acclamation
And take me home – what joy will fill my
heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great
Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

- Hymn sung at Coach Ralph's funeral

VMI cadets make their annual stop at AMA on the way to New Market

After the Rat Orientation period in Lexington, the Virginia Military Institute "Rats" travel by bus to the New Market Battlefield where they are sworn in and given their Rat Class shoulder boards. It was on this Civil War battlefield that the VMI cadets helped to turn the tide against a superior Union force on 15 May 1864, one of the last Confederate victories of the war.

At the same time the freshmen were being bussed to the battlefield, a contingent of First Classmen, accompanied by one Second Classman, marched from Lexington to New Market to join the Rat class in their charge up the Hill of Lost Shoes. The Second Classman on the 82 mile march will lead the First Classmen from Lexington to New Market next year.



Every year, the Keydet hikers make a welcomed stop at the AMA campus where they are fed the best food of the long hike, lovingly prepared by **Ida Spencer**, the wife of VMI graduate **Frank**, '49, and **Joyce (Mrs. Ben, '60) Zinkhan**. This year they stopped by Fort Defiance on Friday 2 September. Said the VMI boys, *"The great food was worth the long hike even if our feet hurt!"*

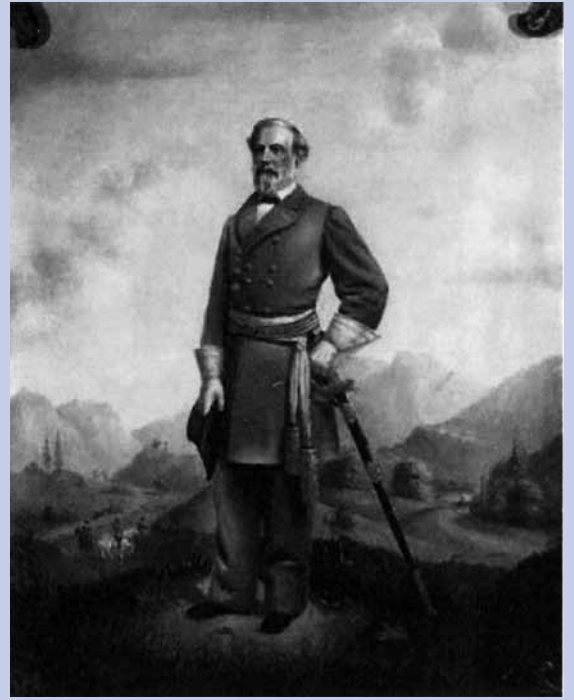
VMI and AMA have a long tradition. The founder's son, **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, was in the VMI Class of 1901 and played on the great VMI football teams of that era together with his roommate **General George C. Marshall**.

Many AMA faculty members came to Fort Defiance from VMI and many Augusta alumni went to The Institute. VMI and AMA – a great and honorable tradition of service.



I foresee that the country will have to pass through a terrible ordeal, a necessary expiation, perhaps, of our national sins.

Robert E. Lee



We must work to rebuild our State and our community now that the war has ended. The South was properly whipped in the highest court - armed conflict.

Professor Charles S. Roller, Senior



People who are anxious to bring on war don't know what they are bargaining for; they don't see all the horrors that must accompany such an event.

Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson

150th anniversary of Civil War remembered at Reunion 2012

Augusta Military Academy had its genesis in and after the American Civil War (or the War Between the States) when **Charles S. Roller, Sr.**, having served throughout the war with J.E.B. Stuart, returned to a devastated Shenandoah Valley and within four months began to tutor Confederate veterans who had missed four years of school.

His memory will be celebrated at Founder's Day ceremonies when **Keene Byrd, '59**, will portray Professor Roller describing his childhood through the creation of AMA.

Confederate reenactors, including **Mark Femrite, '71**, and **Nicky Syropoulos, '69**, will be on our campus during the reunion to show what life was like in 1861-65. At the lunch on Saturday, **Dr. Mary DeCredico**, a trustee of the AMA Alumni Foundation and Civil War expert who is a professor of history at the U. S. Naval Academy, will recount the effect

TAKING RICHMOND

President Abraham Lincoln asked General Winfield Scott: "Why is it that you were once able to take the City of Mexico in three months with five thousand men and you have been unable to take Richmond with one hundred thousand men?"

"I will tell you," said General Scott. "The men who took us into the City of Mexico are the same men who are keeping us out of Richmond."

- Confederate Veteran Magazine, September 1913

of the war on the Valley. Also at the Saturday lunch, **Charlie Hillsman, '71**, will be remembered. Charlie was not only a Civil War reenactor but rose to the rank of General of Longstreet's Corps which earned him a picture on the cover of *U.S. News and World Report* in 1988. Troops from Longstreet's Corps will recreate a Civil War setting.



BOOTS, LUKE AND THEIR LADIES - Dr. George "Boots" Solan, 43, and Marge went to the Silent Auction at Reunion 2011 and purchased a week at the Yonahlossee Resort in North Carolina, donated by Anne and Luke Snyder, '60. Luke and Anne took the Solans to Chetola, his grandparents' estate, for dinner. The estate is now a resort with a restaurant, inn and condos. The Solans live in Stow, OH while the Snyders live in Charlotte.



Augusta Stone Church one of several buildings readied for expected Valley Indian attacks

One of the most durable contributions of German settlers in the Shenandoah Valley are the stone barns, houses and other buildings constructed in Colonial times. Typically made of cut limestone blocks, these sturdy buildings were sometimes used as forts during Indian attacks.

The "Old Stone Church," now known as the Augusta Stone Church, was built on the great "Wagon Road," now US Route 11, beginning in 1747. The diary of its first pastor, **Reverend John Craig**, records that the church was dedicated in 1749.

In 1755, following the defeat of General Edwin Braddock during the French and Indian War, the Valley was left vulnerable to attack. Reverend Craig fortified the church with palisades, a deep ditch and an embankment. There is no record of any Indian attacks in the church though there are stories of settlers taking refuge there when raids were anticipated.

This may be where the name "Fort Defiance" came from though there is no agreement that such was the case. When the railroad came through in the 19th century, Fort Defiance became the official name of the train station.

Other famous Valley stone houses (forts) are at Fort Bowman, Strasburg and Middleton.

Thanks to Jim Hash, '72, for the research on this article

Sports Hall of Fame to skip this next year

The next class to enter the AMA Sports Hall of Fame will be at the reunion in 2013. It was decided to skip a year and induct new Hall members only in odd numbered years.

At the end of 2012, nominations will be requested for the Sports Hall of Fame which honors athletes, coaches and sports journalists who have brought honor to themselves and to AMA.

Those selected will be inducted at Reunion 2013. Be thinking about who you would like to nominate.



MYSTERY COUPLE - We printed this photo in the last issue which was on the cover of the 2011 Stuart Hall reunion pamphlet and asked if anyone could identify this good looking couple. We were overwhelmed with responses and Margaret Stanley Wood at Stuart Hall said, *"We received more comments on this picture than any we have ever sent out."* The girl in the photo is Mary Louise Oliver (Roebuck), SH '57, and the Cadet is Julian "Butter" Byrd, '57, the photo having been made on 13 May 1957. As Art Hurme, '61, points out, this was a Monday and in that year, Mondays were the days AMA cadets could go to Staunton for half a day (SMA had the same ritual allowing their cadets in town on Saturdays). After a few fisticuffs in olden days, it was decided not to have both Corps of Cadets roaming the streets of Staunton on the same day! Duke Fancher, '57, reported that Mary Louise was Queen of Doc Savedge's Pinup Queen Cotillion in 1956.

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A tax-free IRA deduction? Yes!

If you are 70½ or older, you now can donate to the AMA Alumni Foundation from your IRA without Uncle Sam taking a cut. Congress has reinstated a law which expired two years ago that lets you donate to a nonprofit or charity without any tax penalty. **BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

Normally when you take money out of an IRA, you will owe a tax on that withdrawal. Any amount you take out increases your adjusted gross income (AGI) and can cause your deductions to phase out or cause your Social Security benefits to be taxed. This was true in the past even if you gave all the money you withdrew to charity.

Many retirees do not itemize and thus they are taxed on their charitable giving without being able to take a tax deduction if the gift was less than their standard deduction. Having your AGI increase has other consequences in that medical expenses and miscellaneous deductions must exceed a percentage of your AGI. Increasing your AGI means that you may no longer be able to take these deductions.

Now, under the new law, taxpayers 70½ or older can donate up to \$100,000 from their IRAs directly to a nonprofit such as the AMA Alumni Foundation. The amount of the contribution is excluded from taxable income so it won't artificially inflate AGI and add a new tax burden.

You are normally required to withdraw a certain amount from your IRA account each year. This required minimum distribution can be satisfied by giving the money to a nonprofit. And you don't have to be a millionaire to take advantage of this new law. Let's say that you are required to take \$10,000 out of your IRA in 2011. Transfer any or all of it to our Foundation or some other nonprofit and this could be enough to keep your Social Security from being taxed. If your IRA has both before-tax and after-tax dollars, you can save even more by giving. Give away the dollars in your IRA that carry the highest tax liability!

Transfers must be made directly from your IRA or a check must be made out to the AMA Foundation or some other nonprofit. Talk with your tax counselor to see if this is a good idea for you. The IRS does not even need to be notified of what you are doing but your tax preparer must note the transfer when you file your return next year.



DOC'S PHOTO - This is the Band Company Commander from 1972, Herb Maher from Virginia Beach. This is one of the few pictures taken by Colonel Savedge that survives except for those which have appeared in *Recalls*.

Football practice at AMA **Fort Defiance High School celebrates 50th anniversary**

Students and teachers from four different schools in Augusta County came to Fort Defiance in 1961 to begin the long-running history of Fort Defiance High School. They moved into a brand new building where there was no athletic field, just piles of rocks and wild grass where it should have been. The football team practiced next door on the AMA field.

The 50th anniversary celebration included the exhumation of a time capsule buried in 1995 and the entombing of a new one. Home football games, now on their own field, will honor different decades of FDHS alumni this year.

AMA and FDHS had a close relationship over the years that AMA was in operation. A number of Fort Defiance High students took ROTC training at Augusta, including **Colonel Lester Layman**, a West Pointer, who is now Commandant of Cadets at Massanutten Military Academy. Some FDHS students were on the State Champion AMA Rifle Team.

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Two Augusta County students get help from Roller Scholarships

Two Augusta County students are continuing to receive aid from the "Roller Scholarships" which are being funded by **Norvell West**, '83, and his company.

Bonca Shaeffer was able to attend camp over the summer on one of the West funded scholarships which enabled her to be away from home when her brother was making negative headlines in Staunton. Says AMA friend and AMA Alumni Medal Recipient **Bruce Hemp**, "AMA can be proud to have contributed to the fact that she continues to have a safe and loving environment where she can get away from the craziness around her."

Caleb Simmons unfortunately was the one to find his brother after he had committed suicide or had a fatal accident. That was when Caleb was in the third grade and his brother was a sophomore at Fort Defiance High School. Says Bruce, "In his short life, he has seen much tragedy, his father having died when he was five years old. But Caleb has a solid foundation of faith and has compassion for other plus he is gifted in academics."

Norvell West set up the scholarships in 2009 with an initial gift of \$7,000 with more pledged to come later. AMA, with the help of Bruce Hemp, looks for needy children in the Augusta County area to whom scholarships are awarded.



COVER BOY - This photo is from an AMA catalog cover from the 1970's. Colonel Livick knows that it is one of the Lohman twins – Griff (who died in 2010) or Dean, both from the Class of 1972. Can anyone ID this very military looking cadet?

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BIKERS - Bill Scarborough, '69, and Mary Cartellini came to visit the campus on two wheels each.

AMA Legacy Scholarship winners through the years

Thanks go to **Ed Click, '50**, for creating this complete list of those who have received AMA Legacy Scholarships since the program's inception in 1994.

YEAR	SCHOLAR	AMA CONNECTION
1994	Amy de Ayora	Mike, '65
1995	Michael Yerkey	Bob, '61
1996	Albert Leatherman	George, '39
1997	David Click	Ed, '50
1998	Elizabeth Webster	John, '24
1998	Jamie Saunders	Goodloe, '57
1999	Bill Click	Ed, '50
1999	Joanna Core	John, '51
1999	Chad Lampman	Peter, '65
1999	Victoria Roviroso	Jorge, '70
1999	Emily Steele	John, '61
1999	Laura Zinkhan	Ben, '60
2000	Arthur Allison	John, V, '75
2000	Addy Hodges	King Edward, '41
2000	Justin Morgan	Frank Spencer, '49
2000	Elie Murphy	Mark Femrite, '71
2000	Victoria Roviroso	Jorge, '70
2000	Emily Steele	John, '61
2000	Sam Taliaferro	Paul, '62
2000	Laura Zinkhan	Ben, '60
2001	Scott Wooten, III	Scott, Jr, '66
2001	Allison Arthur	John, V, '75
2002	Peter Baxter	Mickey Toms, '67
2002	Suzanne Beard	Ben, '65
2002	Megan Spigle	Mark, '74
2003	Peter Baxter	Mickey Toms, '67
2003	Suzanne Beard	Ben, '65
2003	Megan Spigel	Mark, '74
2004	Fallon Abel	Bailey, '18
2004	John Arthur, VI	John, V, '75
2004	Daniel Sagmiller	Stokes Daniels, '49
2005	Jason Bare	Michael, '49
2005	Jodie Kalvin	Albert, '65
2005	Mal Livick, III	Mal, Jr., '75
2006	John Arthur, VI	John, V, '75
2006	Casey Nicol	Rob, '67
2006	Robert Sagmiller	Stokes Daniels, '49
2007	April Baker	Gary Sheffer, '66
2007	Elizabeth Brandt	William Anderson, '28
2007	William Welte	William, '38
2008	Abigail Deal	Bernard Graves, '28
2008	Andrew Leach	Ed, '69
2008	Mallory Mitchell	Jim, '76
2008	Casey Nicol	Rob, '67
2008	Rebecca Daniels	Stokes, '49
2009	Taylor Daniels	Stokes, '49
2009	Amanda Braddock	Dave Conrad, '59
2009	Norvell West, IV	Norvell, III, '83
2010	Brittany Burke	Chuck Pine, '49
2010	Blaine Frohlich	Ken, '74
2010	Todd Livick, Jr.	Todd, '81
2011	Rebecca Daniels	Stokes, '49
2011	Ross Hash	Jim, '72
2011	Andrew Props	Roy, '67

Three \$2,000 AMA Legacy Scholarships given in 2012

The AMA Alumni Foundation will be offering three Legacy Scholarships in 2012, each worth \$2,000 for attendance at educational institutions above the high school level.

These stipends will be awarded at Reunion 2012 (19-21 April) to direct descendants of AMA alumni. This includes children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, *et al* whether natural, adopted or step.

Applicants must be 25 years of age or younger and be enrolled in or about to enroll in an institution above the high school level.

There are three ways to obtain a scholarship application:

- Download it from: www.AMAAlumni.org
- Request it from: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net
- Write SCHOLARSHIP, AMA Alumni House/Museum, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 1 MARCH 2012

All applicants will be notified by U. S. Mail whether or not they receive a scholarship. Those who will be awarded scholarships are requested to attend the AMA Awards Banquet at Reunion 2012 on Saturday evening 21 April.

Two of the scholarships will be awarded based on grades and activities. The third will be awarded on the basis of leadership qualities. All applications are evaluated by an independent judge. Chairman of the Scholarship Committee is **Phil Bentley, '83**. [pabentley@psu.edu]

Roller Scholarship recipients

Caleb Simmons, below, left, and Bonca Shaeffer, right, are receiving funds from the Roller Scholarships which are funded

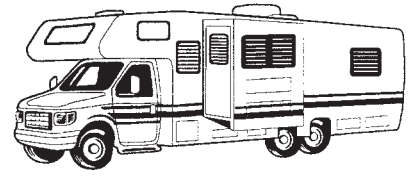


by **Norvell West, '83**. The scholarships are for kids in the Augusta County area who need "a leg up."

See the full story on facing page.



DON STUDER'S RANDOM RAMBLINGS



This is another tale of my travels. Since leaving Tucson on 6 March of this year, I have added 4,657 miles to my RV and an additional 11,833 to the car. These have been mostly happy miles and have given me many memories.

I arrived in Virginia after a one day stopover in Dallas. At AMA, the RV was parked and I helped get ready for Reunion 2011. There is always so much to do with the preparations and as this was to be the most ambitious reunion yet, it was a joy to watch **Crysta Stephenson** take charge. As the Museum Director, she works for the AMA Foundation but is "loaned" to the Association to help with the reunion. She organized every facet of the event. No task or challenge by changes being made could daunt her. I have yet to meet anyone who could have handled this job as well as Crysta. My respect for this lady has no bounds.

Needless to say the reunion was a total success and will be remembered for a long time. Congratulations to all who took part! I thought I would be back on the road as soon as the reunion ended but I didn't get going until 1 June.

Since the reunion, I have visited nine states. I am often asked what I remember about my travels and so I thought I'd list some of them.

Getting soaked at Niagara Falls... the Cog Railway at Mount Washington... The confused look people had when I asked if they remembered where I parked my car... the Maine seacoast... the small towns in Vermont... Travels with a hobo... A babbling brook... Kids looking at model trains (adults too)... The Grand Canyon of the East... A



starlit night in New Hampshire... Clean rest rooms... The response from hand-holding couples when asked if they were from Virginia (Virginia is for Lovers)... Mount

Equinox... A good meal I didn't have to fix... Rough roads and good roads... Bennington, Vermont monument... Rain drops on the roof... Erie Canal... When kids say that they are fine, and the look when asked if they have written permission to be fine; watched the parents also... Frogs croaking in New Hampshire... Maine lobster... Vistas everywhere... L. L. Bean... people in love with that special look... Clouds... a rooster crowing all day... falling water... those damn frogs. Those are some of my highlights. Hope you're having as much fun as you can stand.





AMA CONNECTIONS - Nancy (Mrs. John, '67) Botcheller, right, visited Fort Defiance in July from her home in Middletown, Rhode Island accompanied by John's aunt, Helen Charleton, from Bronxville, NY, at left. Mrs. Charleton's husband, William Curtis Charleton from the Class of 1915, was the AMA bugler and served in World War One. William passed away in 1988. Others in the photo are Ed Click, '50, Colonel Mal Livick and, seated, Linda Roller Livick. Right, Cadet Charleton from the 1915 yearbook. He was in Band Company and was AMA bugler for each of the four years he was at Augusta. His senior year, he was a 2nd lieutenant in the Band. His write up in the *Recall* poked fun at his skinny legs saying, "One day at dress parade, he stepped in an ant hill and had the wind been blowing hard, surely his leg would have broken off." His AMA nickname was "Skints."



Left, Ian McKnight, '70, and his family visited from California, their first time back to the AMA Museum. Ian is the rangemaster at the San Luis Obispo (CA) Sportsmen's Public Shooting Complex.

Right, Deborah Roller Gillis and her husband at the museum. She is the daughter of Tom Roller, '36, the granddaughter of Colonel Tom Roller and the great-granddaughter of AMA's founder.



What do our docents do



LOST - Dave Brown, '75, had been lost to us until he came by the Museum for a visit this summer. Dave lives in far away Lexington, VA.



Each year, some 100 students from the Stewart Middle School in Fort Defiance tour the AMA Museum. Their teachers, Linda Petzke and Debbie Hawkins, brought two groups of 50 this year while Dave Marsh brought his class to visit for the first time. The teachers give the students work sheets that must be filled out by observing what is on display at the museum. Above, Ben Zinkhan, '60, with Ms. Petzke, and below, Doug Carter, '72, with two happy kids and one who is looking less than thrilled!



DOUG FETTER, '70, was glad to see what was going on at our museum. Doug lives in Clearwater, FL.



FRED WOMER, '58, left, came down from Baltimore with Steven Matuszewski to visit the museum and remember old times. Fred attended AMA for five years.

YOU CAN SEE FROM MANY OF THE PHOTOS IN THIS ISSUE THAT OUR ALUMNI COME FROM FAR AND NEAR TO SEE OUR MUSEUM. IF YOU LIVE WITHIN AN HOUR OR SO FROM FORT DEFIANCE, WON'T YOU VOLUNTEER FOR SIX HOURS A MONTH AT THE MUSEUM?

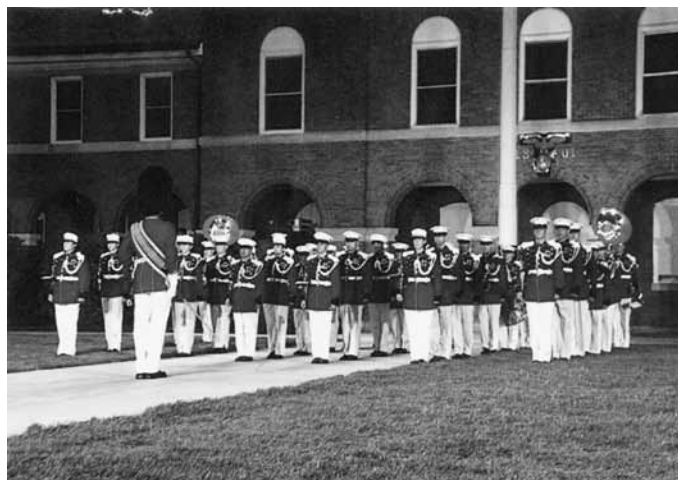




Guests of General Nicholson

Marine Major General Larry Nicholson, '75, arranged for a group of AMA alumni and their guests to attend the Friday Evening Parade at Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets in Washington, DC in June. The impressive two hour event is a tradition in the summer months and is very much like a Tattoo, a ceremony conducted at the Marine Barracks in years past.

At right, the Marine Band. Above, seated on the front row of the grandstand, are **Blaine Clarke, '72**, and his date, Ginger Ebner, **Steve Traylor, '72**, **Bruce Orenstein, '69**, and Patti, **Bruce Hemp, SH '72**, **Bruce Crum, '73**, and his date, Jennie Wallace, and Robin and **Nick Syropoulos, '69**.

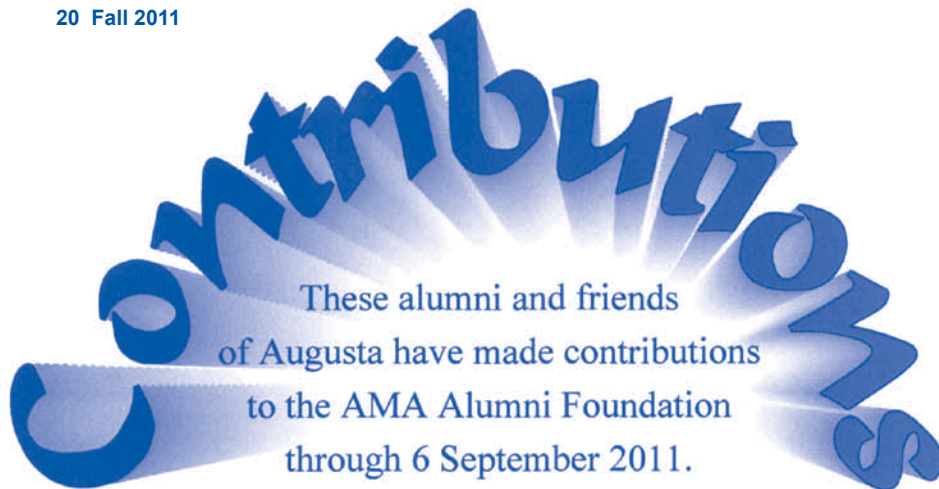


COMING TO REUNION 2012 - Victor Gomez, '69, found Fermin Marte Estevez, '82, on Facebook and when Victor went home to the Dominican Republic, he, Fermin and Fermin's daughter had lunch together. Victor gives us the good news that Fermin is coming back to next year's reunion! Victor is among our most faithful volunteers, traveling down from Alexandria to take a turn as a museum docent.

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Jim Worley, '70

Are you wondering why there is all this blank space above? Unfortunately, that represents the alumni and friends of AMA who had contributed by this time last year who have yet to contribute in 2011. Yes, times are uncertain but the bills still come due without fail. Please look into your heart and make a contribution to the AMA Alumni Foundation before year end. A contribution is tax deductible on both your Federal and State returns. We really need your help - now.

B. J. d'Orsay, '70, probably said it best: "I have renewed my commitment of \$83 a month to AMA for the next year. This comes out to about \$1,000 annually. I don't even miss the \$83, sort of like a payroll deduction."

You don't have to be a "high roller" to belong to the Chairman's Roundtable. You just have to be high on Roller and all the other wonderful people who made AMA what it was and still is.

If you can't write a big check, why not follow B.J.'s example with an \$83 a month contribution? Or maybe \$250 each quarter or \$500 twice a year.

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Chairman's Roundtable

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Complete the form at left and mail it to Fort Defiance. We'll be delighted to add your name to the CRT roster.

The economic slowdown is hurting us. Our bills still come due regularly and we need commitments from all who love AMA and what it has meant to them over the years.

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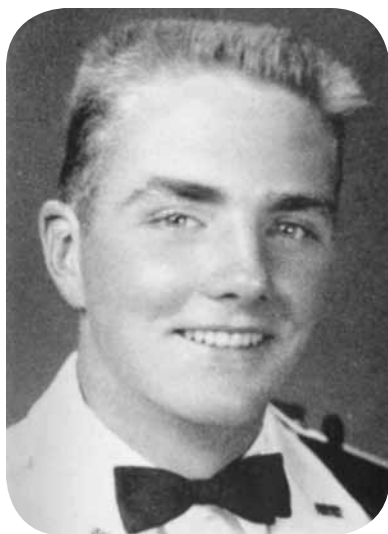
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SPOTLIGHT on Goodloe Saunders, '57

By Ruth (Mrs. Howard, '68) Rosenthal

Robert F. Kennedy said, "There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?"

In this Spotlight we introduce an AMA graduate who asked "Why not?" That person is Goodloe Saunders from the class of 1957. If it weren't for Goodloe asking "Why not?," the beautiful museum we have today would not be standing, and the AMA Alumni Foundation would not be in place to preserve the legacy of AMA. Creating a museum was Goodloe's idea, and although it seemed a pipe dream to many, he believed it could be done, inspired others to join him in his quest, and worked tirelessly until his dream came to fruition.



Senior photo, 1957 Recall

If anybody could create a museum to showcase a closed military school, it was Goodloe, who was a mover and a shaker from the time he entered AMA. The list of his activities and achievements during his three years is long, including ~~Ad Astra~~, football, lacrosse, Honor Council, YMCA, and Roller Rifles. His senior year, he was the school's

Battalion Commander. Not mentioned in his ~~Ad Astra~~ write up, however, was his participation in the Band. Nevertheless, he told me he was a Band member his second year. He was assigned to B Company and was a Second Lieutenant when he was told to report to the Band. That surprised him, as he was not the least bit musically inclined. He was assigned to the first row, right side, in a position normally occupied by a trombone player. He was then told, "If I ever hear one sound coming out of you, you're out of here!" Goodloe suspects he was the only AMA cadet who participated in Band for a whole year and never played a single note!

After leaving AMA, Goodloe went on to Roanoke College, graduating with a BA in economics. He later obtained a masters degree in business administration from Central Michigan University. In 1967, he entered the U.S. Air Force, and from 1967 to 1990, received training at the Squadron Officers School, Air Command

and Staff College, and Air War College. He achieved Lieutenant Colonel status and received the prestigious Bronze Star when his group took three shot-up B52's and made one functioning one, saving the military \$9 million. He also served on a highly secretive assignment which was revealed recently regarding a certain black winged aircraft.

In addition, he served on the Air Force One supply squadron at Andrews Air Force Base during the Nixon, Ford and Carter administrations, supplying parts worldwide for the plane, changing the china, matchbooks and snacks according to each president's whim. At one point Air Force One was grounded because the tires were not shined. Goodloe's group had to hurry off base to obtain "Tire Black" so that the tires could be painted and the plane allowed to take off!

Upon leaving military service, he sold insurance for John Hancock, but eventually moved on to more creative pursuits, buying a flower shop from another AMA graduate. From 1993-1998, he and his wife Brenda owned and operated "The Flower Man." When his father died, Goodloe



AT THE 1999 REUNION, Goodloe received the key to the old Roller house from Reverend Jim Dunlap and Goodloe's dream of an AMA Museum had come true.



HERE IS WHAT the house looked like when renovations began in 1999. Look at the picture of the house on the cover to see what imagination and dedication accomplished.

inherited the family farm in Afton, Virginia. He sold half of the farm, took over the undeveloped half, and began its development. Doing this work and operating the flower shop proved to be too much, even for a mover and shaker like Goodloe, so he decided to devote his energy full-time to the farm. He and Brenda now maintain the farm, raising horses and selling hay. This work is interspersed with AMA volunteer work (more on that later) and spending time with his four children.

The children have followed similar paths and interests as his. Daughter Jamie is a C-130 navigator for the Air Force, and has served three tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan with NATO. Daughter Christie is a vet tech with four degrees in Exotic Animal Management and Training, especially tigers. Son Bailey is a manager for USAA insurance, which provides insurance to military members and families. Son Robert III is a civil engineer. The children and grandchildren are spread out across the country, but Goodloe and Brenda stay in close contact with all, and are looking forward to seeing the entire family at Christmas time.

Over the years, Goodloe has given to his community by serving as the director of the Crozet Lions Club and president of the James R. Goodloe Hunt Club. However, the contributions we appreciate the most are the ones he has made to AMA, and they are many. He was co-creator of the Legacy Scholarship Program and was a member of the President's Council, President of the AMA Alumni Association, Chairman of the AMA Alumni Foundation, a Board Member for the AMA Association and a Trustee for the AMA Alumni Foundation. If that isn't enough, he is currently a member of the Roller Society and a volunteer docent at the AMA Museum once a week and some weekend days. As **Bob Bradford, '50** says, *"No one has been more loyal to our little school than Goodloe."*

Help from other alumni

He is justifiably proud of his efforts to create the museum, which he proposed when he served on the AMA Alumni Association in the early 1990's. He believed that if AMA alumni could not have the school, they should at least have a museum to show the school in the best light possible. This was not easy, however, as the school grounds were owned by the United Pentecostal Church, the building that is now the museum was badly in need of repairs, and there were no exhibits for a museum. There also was no money for such a large endeavor. However, Goodloe remained undaunted by these challenges, and started his quest to create a lasting memorial for his beloved school. He enlisted help from **Duke Fancher, '58**, who Goodloe says stood side by side with him all the way, as well as **Gary Nicholson, '70**, **Terry Snow, '58**, **Ben Zinkhan, '70**, **Sergeant Don Studer** and others who shared his dream.

A house was found near the Depot Restaurant in Staunton as a possible location for a museum. Then meetings were held with the Pentecostal Church, which had just acquired the school grounds. An agreement was reached to use the current museum building, but much work was needed to make the run down house from the 1870s



GOODLOE VOLUNTEERS at the AMA Museum at least once a week and loves to answer questions from young people who were not born when AMA closed.

safe and attractive to visitors. Among other things, central air/heat and a sprinkler system needed to be installed, and remodeling and electrical work had to be performed. All work had to be done in compliance with historical and Code specifications. As if that weren't enough, a huge amount of money needed to be raised, and exhibits obtained and created. A call went out to alumni and friends, asking for memorabilia, grade books from the cadets, and other items to tell the story of AMA. Money, of course, was also requested. Response was overwhelming, as alumni searched their attics, basements and wallets for contributions. **Ed Click, '50**, contracted with local prisons for prisoners to craft beautiful display cases to hold what was found. Duke Fancher was at AMA daily to do historical research and collect everyone's stories. Goodloe and the Association started with almost nothing, but ended up with the beautiful and compelling museum we have today.

But the story isn't finished. Always a forward thinker, Goodloe realized that opening the museum was only the first step. With the school closed and its former students aging, he knew that eventually there would be no money to keep the museum alive. With **Ed Click** and **Bob Bradford**, he founded the AMA Alumni Foundation and the Roller Society. This society honors those who give to the Alumni Foundation after their lifetimes. It is on the shoulders of these dedicated heroes that AMA's future will be built. Money collected from Roller Society bequests goes towards funding AMA and VMI Scholarships, maintaining and improving the AMA Museum and supporting the printing and mailing of *The Bayonet*.

Goodloe, we salute and thank you for your outstanding foresight and tireless efforts to create and perpetuate a lasting tribute to the Augusta Military Academy. Without your vision and your unflinching questioning of "Why not?," we would not have the lasting tribute to our school that we have today.

Bobby Kennedy would have been very proud!



// HASH MARKS \\\

from Jim Hash, '72



only those things that touched us in some unique way. And, as with most of the memories of our lives, they are commonly the best and the worst of events that we experienced. Sadly, the often more meaningful memories (however mundane) of activities that actually shaped our lives get swept away in the outgoing tide of time.

It is of these memories that I wish to speak. I, for one, cannot recollect with clarity the particulars of classroom activities except in a frustratingly nebulous way.

Yes, I can close my eyes and see the classrooms exactly as they were. I can hear the cacophony of cadet shoes racing across the wooden planks of the Deane's Castle porches and stair as they stampeded to the latrine beneath the gym for the between class smoke break. I can perfectly well see the wooden desks, carved and covered in graffiti: "Jim loves Torrey" or "Joe Schmucky 1957." But what I can't well remember are the words from my teachers, yet my mind is filled with their knowledge.

They imparted to me science, history, math, English – knowledge I have carried with me all my life but I can't dredge up so much as five minutes of classroom discourse or even a morning greeting. It makes me feel somewhat

As former cadets (heck, just as people), I believe we have a tendency to search back into our receding memories and recall

guilty when I consider what I owe these men. And while the daily routine interactions between ourselves and other cadets helped serve to shape us, to mold us into whatever we've become, it was Augusta's faculty that gave us the tools and the self-discipline to use those tools in some creative way that begs acknowledgement.

Say what you will about their eccentricities, foibles, and sometime bizarre behavior (**Paul Hoover** comes to mind!), men like **Savedge, Hoover, Hart, MacDowell, Dekle, Lucas, Koogler, Lane, Mannasmith, Hogg, et al** were supreme educators. They were truly men-of-the-cloth, that is, the very fabric of what Augusta Military Academy was and tenaciously aspired to be.

They were the rich resource though which Augusta mined its gold: the character, the decency and the intelligence of those who passed through its doors, perhaps still seedlings, but oh, with so much potential!

When I think of **Don Malnati** and all the other whiz kids who attended Augusta with me, I, in comparison was depressingly far down the totem pole of intellect. In seven years, I never made the Honor Roll once and only made Dean's List once or twice.

Yet, 39 years after graduating, it's uncommon that I find myself ill-prepared to engage in conversation regardless of the topic. It would be difficult to convince me that the education I received at Augusta isn't responsible for that, directly or indirectly.

So, I suggest that, just for a minute, you pause and look at what you've become; look at what you have accomplished and then give at least a momentary thanks to the faculty of Augusta Military Academy.

With the approach of Thanksgiving, it seems all the more appropriate.

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THE AMA MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS gathered for lunch at the Club at Ironwood to be thanked for their invaluable services by Foundation Chairman **Bob Bradford, '50**. L. to r., **Bradford, Doug Carter, '72, Goodloe Saunders, '57, Clyde Ramsey, '49, Rod Willey, '51, Joyce and Ben Zinkhan, '60, Warren Fleming, '72, Victor Gomez, '69, and Ed Click, '50**. These are the dedicated volunteers who keep the museum open six days a week and keep it in pristine shape. When you see one of these folks, don't forget to thank them!

Getting ready for the reunion

*Many of our alumni have no idea how much work goes on before they arrive in Staunton/Fort Defiance for one of our annual reunions. **Don Studer** came back from his extended road trip to help with the 2011 reunion and here are some excerpts from his daily reports.*

April 5 - **Doug Carter** has been at the museum almost every day making name tags and doing other things to get ready for the reunion. **Goodloe Saunders** came over to put finishing touches on painting the cannon and cleaning the walkway.

April 6 - Doug was back at work on name tags. You would think that this would be a simple task but it truly is not. We try to leave **Crysta** alone because she is so very busy, not only with the operation of the museum but responding to many calls about the reunion. You'd think that since we began planning the reunion last August there would not be so many last minute details but that isn't how it works. There is always someone calling with a change. Crysta was still at the House at 2000 hours when I left.

April 7 - Goodloe and Doug helped me move the chairs back to the front porch. They had just painted them. **Ben Zinkhan** went to the Trophy Shop to get the Roller Society and Sports Hall of Fame plaques and Alumni Medals engraved and **Jim Atchison** was in the museum being sure that we had what we need in the PX for the reunion.

April 8 - **Charlie Pascale** volunteered at the Museum today and it was good to see him. Crysta was busy as a bee all day long. Ben washed the front and back porches and Doug worked on name tags for new registrants. He also cleaned up **Sergeant Joe's** room in anticipation of the guests who will be coming soon.

April 9 - **Frank Spencer** had the duty at the museum while Ben and I hung bunting on the museum front. **Joyce Zinkhan** arrived and planted new flowers in front of the House. Ben and I changed the two American flags at the Front Gate and put up the six Service flags, the POW/MIA flag, the

Virginia State flag, the American flag and the Augusta County flag to line Quarles Walk leading to the museum. **Reverend Douglas, Josh**, Ben and I raised the huge American flag in the gym, then took down the scaffolding and stored it. We assembled the sign to be used in the **Tommy Simmons** Hospitality Tent and organized all the items for the golfers. Ben picked up the things from the engravers and mounted them on plaques. I prepared folders for the AMA Legacy Scholarship recipients and the Sports Hall of Fame inductees. Though it was a Saturday, Crysta was there from early morning until late evening.

April 10 - I picked up a laminator at Staples which had been paid for by **Greg Pearce** who constantly fills the needs of the museum. On the way to Staples, I passed Joyce who was on her way to do her weekly cleaning of the museum.

April 11 - Ben and I stuffed some 40 welcome bags for alumni who signed up for the entire reunion weekend. Then, we left for Woodstock to pick up 35 M-1s from Massanutten Military Academy to be used by the Roller Rifles at their last ever performance. We stopped at Lowe's and found on sale the light bulbs we use at the museum for track lighting. They were marked down from ten dollars to 75 cents and we bought all they had. Crysta was very busy with phone call after phone call.

April 12 - It rained, and then it poured. We had flash flood warnings so we stayed at the museum to move downstairs everything that had to go to the Holiday Inn. The PX items that will be on sale at the hotel, reception room items, Silent Auction articles and everything else was made ready for tomorrow's move to the Holiday Inn.

April 13 - Goodloe, Ben, Frank, **Jerry Arnold** and his wife, Patty, all joined

to move everything to the hotel. It took four roundtrips with a truck to get it all there and I was thinking that on the Sunday after the reunion while everyone else was headed home, someone will have to move a lot of that stuff back to the House. **Jorge Roviroso** and **Garry Granger** helped set up the stage, tables and chairs for Saturday's lunch in the gym. **Bruce Hemp** sent some students from Fort Defiance High School to help out. The Ladies of AMA put down table cloths and put pamphlets on each table. I left the House at 1700 and went to the hotel to see if I could help Crysta. She and **Colleen Atchison** were setting up the registration area.

April 15 - Alumni are starting to arrive. The Roller Rifles Commander **Doug Pennock** has arrived and the drill team is starting to assemble for a 1600 practice. **Karl Haleamau** gave them good instructions. The Color Guard and drummers practiced on the back field. I was still in work clothes when the reception at the country club began and was too tired to go anyway.

April 16 - Changes, changes, changes in the air. The weather for Saturday is predicted to be terrible so the parachute drop and Roller Rifles are going to take place today. All of our volunteers were very busy though I didn't get to spend much time with them as I was working with the Roller Rifles. The drop went off beautifully and the Roller Rifles were magnificent! We also had a Retreat Ceremony there in front of Big Barracks.

April 17 - Founder's Day had to be moved inside the Stone Church and the Sports Hall of Fame and Roller Society ceremonies were moved inside the gym. The Fallen Soldier program and the decommissioning of the Roller Rifles were emotional events, a weekend of emotional ups and downs. I wish you had been there!



You don't need to hear us tell you how badly we need contributions. The fact is that we do and since many of you have asked what various giving opportunities are available, we have prepared a list for you. If you have any questions at all, please contact Crysta Stephenson, our Executive Director, by e-mail at: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net, or call her at 540/248-3007.

Donation by check - Simply drop a check in the mail to: AMA Alumni Foundation, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. This and all other contributions are tax deductible.

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Donation by the "Make a Donation" button on our website - Please visit our web site at: www.AMAAlumni.org and click on the "Make a Donation" button. A credit card or PayPal option will be offered to you. Immediately following the transaction, the AMA office receives an e-mail notification of your gift and it is processed without delay.

Donation by the "Make a Donation" button on the Augusta Military Academy Museum Newsletter - Each month, everyone on our e-mail list receives a copy of the museum newsletter. You will find a "Make a Donation" button at the bottom of each edition. Clicking the button will move you into either a credit card or PayPal transaction. Once you complete the transaction, it will be forwarded to the AMA office immediately.

Credit Card Club - Several alumni belong to the Credit Card Club and have their credit card information in our secure files. Those people give us specific instructions to charge a certain amount to their credit card monthly, semi-monthly, quarterly or at some other frequency. Some give us \$30 a month this way, some \$50 a month. (At \$83 a month, a \$1,000 annual gift will be reached entitling the giver to membership in the President's Council!) Credit card Club members may change their options at any time. Whatever the card holder wants us to do, we will do. One can be removed from the Credit Card Club at any time simply by letting us know of your decision.

President's Council - Anyone who makes a contribution of at least \$1,000 in any given year will become a member of the President's Council.

Chairman's Roundtable - Pledge to give at least \$1,000 a year for five consecutive years and you will be entitled to membership in the exclusive Chairman's Roundtable. Contributions can be made in any of the above fashions.

Roller Society - Alumni and friends who have indicated to the AMA Alumni Foundation that they have remembered the AMA Alumni Foundation with a gift in a will, life insurance policy or other such after life instrument will be entitled to membership in the Roller Society.

Some of these giving opportunities are pretty painless! We do need your support. You may talk with any of the Foundation trustees or Association Board members if you have questions.

Again, all contributions are tax deductible and all contributions will be acknowledged.

Coach Claiborne was inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame at the 2011 reunion. This article appeared in the Fall 2000 *Bayonet*.

Began career at AMA

Coach Jerry Claiborne dead at 72

Jerry Claiborne, the Coach of the Year in three different college football conferences, a member of the National Football Coach's Hall of Fame and AMA's head coach in 1951-52, passed away in a Nashville hospital 24 September.

Though he had 28 successful seasons as a college head coach, he often said that he would not trade his two years at Augusta for any other time of his life.

Claiborne, 72, had Alzheimer's Disease, and his overall health had been poor. He entered his hometown hospital in Bowling Green, KY in mid-September to have gall bladder surgery. Following complications, he was transferred to Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville where he underwent more surgery on 23 September. The next day, he suffered a heart attack and could not be revived.

At AMA, Claiborne coached football, basketball and baseball. He had just graduated from Kentucky when he came to Fort Defiance to work for AMA's number one football fan, **Colonel Roller**. Jerry won the Virginia State Championship for the Big Boy in football and basketball in both of his years at Augusta.

In a letter to **Colonel Will Parkins**, '35, Coach Claiborne said, *"I would not trade my two years at AMA for any other two years of my career. That first year, living in barracks, teaching classes, having 8th grade study hall, coaching football and baseball, being Officer in Charge... kept me busy, but I gained so much that helped me later in life. Being able to just keep up with Colonel Roller was a full time job!"*

After Augusta, Claiborne became an assistant to Paul "Bear" Bryant, who was then head coach at Kentucky. He followed Bryant to Texas A&M and Alabama. Claiborne later was an assistant coach at Colorado and Missouri. Frank Broyles, coaching at Missouri at the time, said he visited Coach Bryant several times and asked him each time who his best assistant coach was. *"He always said Jerry Claiborne, so I hired him,"* says Broyles.

After going to Missouri, Claiborne was picked to be head coach at Virginia Tech. In ten seasons at Blacksburg, he guided the Hokies to a 61-39-2 record and two bowl appearances. While at Tech, he received his first Coach of the Year Award, this one in the Southern Conference.

One of his star players was Frank Beamer, Tech's current head coach, who credits the Hokies' current success to an emphasis on special teams, something he learned from Claiborne.

Claiborne became head coach at Maryland in 1972 where, through 1981, the Terps played in seven bowl games, and he was named Coach of the Year in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Maryland was one of only two unbeaten teams

in 1976 and Claiborne was the National College Football Coach of the Year in the *Sporting News*.

A very touching moment came in 1998 during halftime of a Maryland home game at College Park where the 1973 Peach Bowl team was honored. Knowing that Claiborne had just been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, several coaches and players proudly carried their former coach off the field on their shoulders.

In 1982, he went home to Kentucky where another rebuilding job awaited him. His '82 Wildcats went 0-10-1, but his '83 team had a 6-5-1 record and went to the Hall of Fame Bowl. That year, Claiborne was Coach of the Year in the Southeastern Conference.

He retired in 1989 with a record of 179-122-8, the fourth best record in wins in college football history, trailing only Bo Schembechler (Michigan State/234), Joe Paterno (Penn State/219), and Bobby Bowden (Florida State/193). He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in December of 1999.

Four of his players at Maryland and two at Kentucky earned Academic All-American honors. Claiborne's 1989 Kentucky team set a record in having 17 players on the SEC Academic Honor Roll. *"Seeing young men have success after football has been the best part of my coaching career,"* he often said.

Claiborne once said, *"I want to be remembered as a guy who did the best he could with what he had."* Tributes to him indicate that he achieved that goal. Joe Prince, who played for Claiborne at Kentucky, said, *"Coach Claiborne was a man of unbelievable character... His morals and ethics were set in stone, and he never bent them. He had a strong faith, he didn't drink, he didn't cuss... He always gave more than he got."*

Coach Jerry began his athletic career as a four-letter man at Hopkinsville (KY) High School. His good grades and athletic abilities earned for him a full scholarship to Kentucky where he played under Coach Bryant. He earned three letters (as a defensive back, blocking back, and end) helping the Wildcats to a 29-12-2 record and a trip to the Orange Bowl. He graduated from Kentucky with a 2.7 average (out of 3.0).

He is survived by his wife, Faye, of Bowling Green, KY; two daughters, Katie Newell of Landenberg, PA, and Eileen Claiborne of Portland, OR; and two sons, David of San Francisco, and Jonathan of Baltimore, who played football at Maryland and is a radio analyst for the Terps.

Cornell Burbage, who played for Claiborne in 1984-86, said, *"Coach always said, 'Character is what you do when no one is looking at you.' That always stuck with me."*



**Coach Claiborne,
1951 Recall**

IN TOWN TO VOLUNTEER - Anne and Luke Snyder, '60, spent five days in Fort Defiance this summer during which time they relieved the regular docents and performed a number of essential tasks aimed at getting our AMA Museum ready for the accreditation process. Here at right, they are going through old files to see what might be relevant. The Snyders live in Charlotte, NC and Luke is a former Vice President of the Alumni Association and is Chairman of the annual Founder's Day ceremonies. Anne has been a reunion volunteer for years and is part of the "Ladies of AMA" team which played such a big role in the success of Reunion 2011.



SISTER ACT - Keene Byrd, '59, is flanked by Dorothy and Crysta Stephenson with Keene in costume for a play in which he is acting. Keene will portray AMA Founder Charles S. Roller, Senior in ceremonies at Founder's Day during Reunion 2012 recalling the start of the Civil War when Roller and his friends from Augusta County rode off to join the Confederate Army just after the First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas). Next year's reunion will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War which saw the great majority of battles fought on Virginia soil. The Battle of Piedmont was fought just a cannon shot from the AMA campus and the Friday motor coach tour at Reunion 2012 will visit that historic site as well as the Battlefield at New Market. Crysta Stephenson is AMA Museum Director.

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Ed Click, '50, explains that all mail is now sent to a distribution center

even if it is a local address. "For example, a letter mailed in Fort Defiance to someone who lives in Fort Defiance goes to the Charlottesville Distribution Center and then back to Fort Defiance," he says. Therefore, the local postman who may know that you really live at 105B may not have control over where the letter is going to be delivered.

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Some folks, as **Steve Pearson, '72**, used to say, "change their e-mail addresses more often than they change their socks." Send e-mail changes to the e-mail address above, or to webmaster@amaalumni.com.

Stay in touch so we can stay in touch!



BUDDY HARGRAVE, '51, visited the Museum with his wife and their granddaughter from Germany. Ed Click, '50, left, was on duty at the Museum when they visited.



THE ZEHMER FAMILY VISITED IN JULY. Zeke, '59, passed away three years ago and this is the first time the family has been on the campus since his death. Above are Tim, Timothy and Cary.



DAVID HUNT, '59, and his family came from Oceanside, CA for a visit in May.

Church won't sell AMA site, for now

By Maria Longley
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FORT DEFIANCE — The Virginia District of the United Pentecostal Church International won't be putting its 46-acre property up for sale anytime soon, says the district's superintendent.

That is, unless it gets an offer that it can't refuse — one well above the property's market value, said the Rev. Irvin J. Cunningham. The property is assessed at \$3.8 million, according to county tax records.

Although the church floated the idea to members last year, Cunningham says too many members "love" the pastoral tract of land, site of the old Augusta Military Academy.

"We're not at all anxious to sell it at this point," Cunningham said.

He said the idea to sell began when some members who live across the state wanted a conference center that was more centrally located. It was not ever, Cunningham said, a matter of the church being unable to afford the mortgage.

"We have a perfect credit rating, and we've never missed a payment," Cunningham said.

When church leaders discussed selling it, they first approached the Augusta Military Academy's alumni association, which leases

one of the buildings where it runs a museum on the history of the school.

"It was my understanding that they were talking to their constituency about it," Cunningham said. "They have not informed us of any interest in buying it."

The church uses the site for conferences, retreats and camping events several times a year.

"Our people love the property," Cunningham said. "Short of someone stepping up with an above-appraisal offer, we won't be selling."

From the Staunton News-Leader

How many years did General Roller play football for Augusta Military Academy?

Frank Spencer, '49, was at the museum for his regular shift as a docent and was reading through a thesis written by a former AMA instructor. It occurred to Frank that he had come up with a good trivia question for *The Bayonet*: How many years did **Charles S. Roller, Jr.** (later General Roller) play football at AMA?

The answer: eleven years! Roller played football all four years that he was an AMA cadet. He went on to attend VMI, coached for a year at Furman and came back to AMA to teach and coach football. In those days, there was no restriction on who could play and so as a coach, he played seven more years before new rules came into effect that barred coaches from playing!

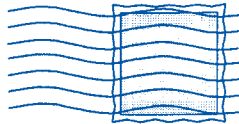
Thanks, Frank, for uncovering another interesting story about the "Big Boy."

Bill Greenman, '49, looking for AMA saber

Though **Bill Greenman, '49**, only attended AMA in the Lower School, he is quite interested in getting an AMA saber for his collection.

If anyone has or knows of someone who has an AMA saber and would like to sell it, please contact Bill at: william.greenman@navy.mil.

Letters to the Editor



The post-reunion Bayonet

An excellent publication, really! But what a shock! For some reason, the photos of my old friends make them look "old." Maybe it is a sign that I had better come to the next reunion. Even more so was seeing the passing of old friends and even a roommate, **Joe Ireland**.

I wish I could turn the clock back for all of us. There are so many good memories – and some not so good. I will always remember standing in my first formation, half uniform and half civies (as my young developing body fit no "off the shelf" clothes) my mind racing, trying to figure out how I got there, why I was there and longing to just go home. Four years later, I asked to do a PG year.

What a time to be at AMA! The late '60's, Woodstock, anti-war protests, race protests and here I am in a segregated military academy, a microcosm of the society of those times.

And what we forget. Sitting here I remembered the time **Colonel Livick** accused me of blowing up the incinerator after I got caught with a number of emptied out shotgun shells. I was pretty sure that I didn't blow up the incinerator since I knew what I had blown up and the incinerator was not on my list. I took the rap anyway and walked the blacktop for a couple of weeks.

My last two years, I did not go to church. I would go to the darkroom in the chemistry lab and hide out, quietly developing photos for the yearbook. During graduation I figured I could not skip the baccalaureat sermon so I went to church. They seated me on the front row. In no time I was asleep, slouching more and more, no pew in front of me to stop my sliding. Someone grabbed me just before I hit the floor. A few of the faculty who were sitting in the front of the church made humorous remarks to me when I left the church.

My senior year, my room was directly over **Captain Dillow's** office. It had been a long trip getting to the first day of school so I took a long shower (yes, I had a shower in my room). I failed to notice that a wash cloth fell to the shower floor and had plugged the drain. Once I did notice, I ignored it until Captain Dillow came storming into my room screaming that water was running down the radiator pipe into his office and all over his files.

Harrisonburg Parade, 14 years old and walking out of the Arcade Drug Store with a fistful of porno magazines and a big roll of HavaTampa cigars! Those were the days.

Steve Pearson, '72

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American Fallen Soldiers artist thanks AMA

This is a heartfelt way to start a day and a reminder to us all. The brave men and women are in theatre at this hour facing unthinkable challenges and sacrifices so that we can carry on our daily duties and desires.

It was a high honor to participate at the wonderful cere-

monies at Augusta Military Academy on 16 April. There we presented a portrait of SSG Jason Arnette KIA 4/1/07 to his family. I hope and pray this helped in some small way. Blessings on the day I write this as I paint Navy Seal Danny Bietz KIA 6/28/05 for a later presentation in Denver.

Phil Taylor, Founder,

The American Fallen Soldiers Project

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Carrollton, TX

Letter from Jason's mother

What a great honor it was for my family to be present when Jason was honored at AMA. Jason always "wanted to go in the record books as being famous" and that wish is still going strong – Army strong!

He so loved being in a crowd of people from all walks of life and the position of his picture just inside the AMA Museum front door answers that call. You made my day so very special.

Michell Arnette Bryant, proud mother of a

US soldier who deployed to heaven April 1, 2007

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Thanks from a bird colonel

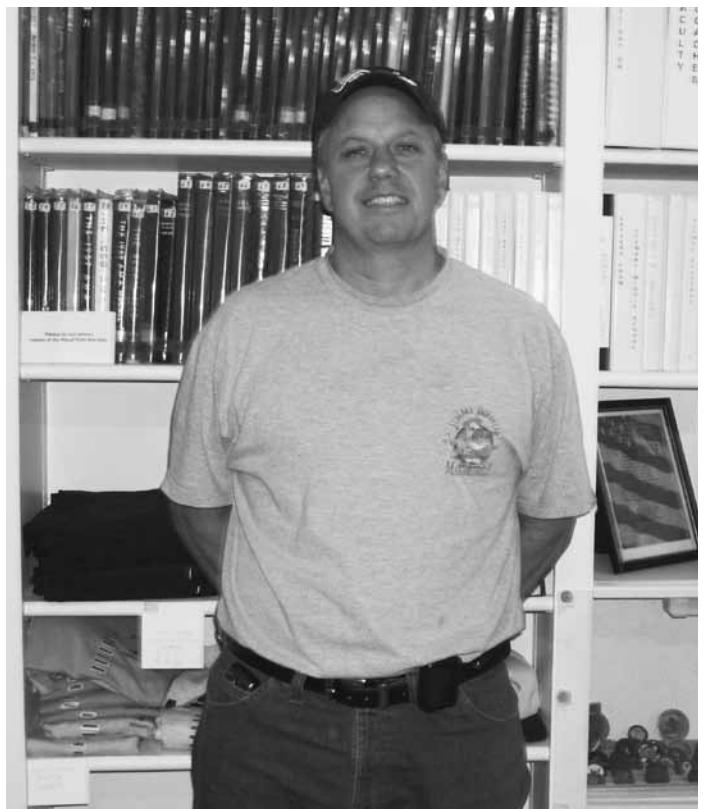
I am absolutely fascinated by the different paths my fellow classmates took. As a cadet, I didn't have a clue that my best years were ahead of me as a soldier since I think I was a front runner for having to walk the most tours.

The fact is undeniable that AMA set me up for success in life and I give thanks to and prayers for **Colonel Hoover**, **Colonel Savedge** and **MSG Dillow**.

Colonel Dean Hanson, '63

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JOHN GUILLOTT, '79, made his first trip back to AMA in August. He lives in Timonium, MD.

Tom Callahan, '47, reflects on his time at Augusta

Dr. Tom Callahan, '47, with the help of his son, Dominic, is writing his memoirs. He is sharing with us the chapter on his time at AMA where, in his senior year, he was Platoon Leader in B Company. At age 82, Tom continues to work in the outpatient practice of psychiatry in Fresno, CA where he has lived 40 years. He received his BS from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his MD from the University of Heidelberg. After the death of his Rosemarie in 1991, who gave him four children, he married Elaine 16 years ago "who brought the sunshine back to my life."



**Dr. Tom Callahan,
1947 Recall**

The decision for me to go to AMA was largely influenced by a colleague of my father in his office who also had a son attending AMA. I subsequently learned that I had nothing in common with this son of my father's friend. I do not recall our considering any other school as a candidate for this significant decision of a boarding school. This was a passivity on the part of my father which I have never understood. He may have just felt totally unequipped to research other options.

AMA turned out to be a most formative experience for me. It provided me with my first ideal masculinity in the figure of **Major Charles Roller**, a man who was mythic in the world of AMA. He was the school principal, lauded football player from the Virginia Military Institute, and his father had started the institution. Broad of girth, he moved like a tank and possessed prodigious strength. Once, he was said to have lifted a cadet up into the air with one hand. We were all in awe of him and were considered "his boys." Considering that his nickname was "Big Boy," the hierarchy was even more deeply imprinted. My interactions with him were reflected to two moments, yet each made an impact.

Help from the "Big Boy"

One was when I asked him for help in solving an algebraic problem whose complexity was beyond my abilities. It was a sample problem I had been given to solve along with an application to take the college board examinations that were required for my being accepted into a good university. I was troubled by my inability to perform the necessary academic task. He took my request seriously and later that evening worked out the lengthy trigonometry solution, leaving it for me following morning. I have never forgotten his help.

The second moment was when he suddenly chose me to stand in for a participant in a debate on socialized medicine. There were two teams of two cadets each and one cadet had taken ill. All of the cadets were in attendance for,

I think, a commencement activity. Major Roller selected me to replace the ailing cadet. On the spot, I had to improvise an argument on socialized medicine. Interestingly, I do not remember how I fared but am still gratified by having been honored in this manner by a man we all admired in front of my peers. He held together a system of initiatory importance in the lives of all of the young men entrusted to his care and provided it with an integrity that was essential to both our well-being and need for an ideal at that time in our lives.

Integral to my experience at AMA was the initiatory system known to all the cadets as the "rat system." The "rat" was the new cadet and the system was a maze of ritualistic enactments of sanctioned degradation of the new cadet by any older cadet who so desired. It was modeled after hazing schemes at other military academies and lasted the entire first year of school. My father and I had no knowledge of it prior to my arrival. I cannot imagine how it might have been explained in a school brochure. It was never formally acknowledged by the staff at the school.

Rather, the "rat system" operated with the understood rules and sanctions established by the older cadets themselves.

Life as a "rat"

As a "new cadet" while in the barracks, I was expected to walk holding a rigid posture with my elbows pulled back and chin tucked in. To turn a corner meant stopping and executing a military-like movement at right angles. This began as soon as I left my room; it applied to going up and down the stairs as well.

Whenever an "older cadet" entered my room, I was expected to jump up and stand at attention and say nothing. Other than during study hours and after lights were out signaled by a blowing of taps on a bugle, the "older cadets" were free to barge into my room at any time. Once in my room, they could yell at me for any reason. They could tell me to grab my ankles while they might hit my butt with either a broom or the flat edge of a sword. The sword would strike me after bending off of the older cadet's knee which was held at the height of my butt. This hurt but did not break the skin.

There seemed to be no official place for lodging an objection. The barracks were run by the "older cadets." While submitting, my face, nevertheless, openly displayed indignation for the unwarranted harassment to which I was being subjected. For this impudence, I was called a "gross cadet" and probably beat further. But I also liked the discipline, the predictability, even the "hazing as a rat" when facing the humiliation of submitting to the "older cadets." I realized how traumatic this description of the hazing must sound. The details, while important, are jarring and suggest a degree of humiliation. Yet, I need to state that this punishment, while also humiliating, never seriously threatened my spirit. Thus, I was not traumatized by this system. In truth, my viewing this as an experience to be tolerated by no means meant I was ever frightened or overwhelmed; I



never became a supplicant of this act. To the contrary, I regarded it as a foolish drama, a play in which I had to act a part in self-aggrandizement of those I neither feared nor respected. When I became an "older cadet," I never once yelled at a cadet or administered a beating. I never wanted to be thought of with the distaste I had felt toward those cadets who harassed me.

The deprivation of this environment, whether measured in the loss of personal freedoms, the absence of a woman's warmth, or the indignity of being hazed, was integral to having these years served as a transformative experience, one which changed me fundamentally from a young, somewhat shy boy to feeling a confident, initiated young man. The AMA's code of conduct was my first definition of how to face life and my first encounter with my own resourcefulness and abilities. The hazing seemed to be conducted with some sense of tradition and, thus, did not fall to each new class to be redesigned according to some individual's particular preferences.

Being bound by ritual, undoubtedly, offered me and others some protection from those older cadets who came close to crossing the threshold of sadism. As you might imagine, there was no role in this environment for one's parents. The intense loyalty AMA engendered in its cadets probably insured there would be few complaints or requests for rescue. Thus, my father knew nothing about this experience because I never considered telling him.

I thrived in that environment, both academically and athletically. My investment in executing my responsibilities as squad leader and later as a platoon leader, far exceeded that of any other leader. For example, I inspected all of my squad members in advance of a subsequent inspection in the ranks. Later, I expected my platoon members to submit to extra close-order drill formations so that we were the best marching unit in the Corps of Cadets. When I reflect now on the ardor with which I pursued excellence in these activities, I am somewhat embarrassed at the unilateral and intense style I employed. It is interesting that no cadet ever resisted or disagreed with my demands. As a result, those cadets underneath my direction seemed to have a level of morale and pride in themselves that I found very satisfying.

The student body seemed to be divided into normal middle-class boys and a bunch of more anti-social types who were one short step away from a reform school. But the school spirit was overwhelming and the relationship among cadets seemed structured and benign to me. I was small for my age so I joined the wrestling team where I excelled and was captain of the varsity team as a senior at a weight of 136 lbs. I was studious, often staying up late at night in the large bathrooms (*Ed's note: They were called "the sinks."*) which were the only rooms lighted after 10 PM.

In the yearbook of my graduating year in 1947, I was voted by my fellow cadets as the most studious, as well as the best Officer of the Day. My years at AMA were sustaining. Upon reflection, I see how AMA offered me something crucial; its stability of an environment where the rules were consistent, where interactions with others were largely free of drama, where hard work resulted in their achievement, and where I had the opportunity for the first time since losing my mother to stay in one physical place for more than two years. The sparse, almost ascetic physical environment of AMA was very helpful in my being able to focus as I did, allowing me to manage my life in providing me with a degree of self-confidence I had not known before. Further evidence of how

helpful the structured world of AMA was to me came with the significant difficulties I encountered in the next stage of my life, living with my father and attending M.I.T.

When attempting to continue the academic success I had achieved at AMA, I quickly found myself overwhelmed, seemingly unable to bring the same discipline and focus to my studies as in the previous three years. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Contact Tom Callahan at: khamlin46@aol.com

A personal note from the editor...

In my rat year at AMA (1946-47), Tom Callahan was my platoon leader and he had a problem on his hands. I did NOT like AMA and proved it by running away not once, not twice, but three times. Colonel Roller, after my last infraction, advised my parents that I was being expelled but then I got one more chance. Through it all, Tom showed so much more patience with me than I deserved and helped to get me through some of my toughest days. I will never forget his kindness to that skinny undeserving frightened boy.

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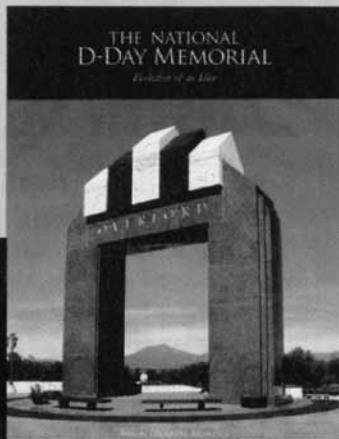


FORMER AMA LIBRARIAN (1972-75) Harry Davis and Mrs. Davis visit the AMA Museum.

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EVERY 70 YEARS - Frank Williamson, '60, celebrated his 70th birthday on 27 June at his place in Virginia Beach with his family gathered around. Standing, l. to r., Barry O'Neill, Hunter O'Neill, Houston Wilson (a superb tennis player) and Doug Wilson. Sitting on the bench, Kelley Williamson O'Neill, Frank, Bev and Cindy Wilson. Seated on the deck, Harley Marie O'Neill and Mary Douglas Wilson. They have pledged to get together every 70 years to mark Frank's natal anniversaries.

Angels aplenty!

When Museum Director **Crysta Stephenson** used our online museum newsletter to ask for "an angel" to replace a failed dehumidifier, she not only got the dehumidifier but \$1,700 in new donations.

Loyal supporter **Ozzie Ferro**, '53, secured the humidifier which has been installed in a sensitive area of the museum to protect the irreplaceable artifacts on display there.

Others also offered to help: **Brian Miller**, '67, **Marc Aronson**, '68, **Harry Campbell**, '70, **John Trowbridge**, '65, and **Greg Pearce**, '65, all of whom stepped forward and to make new donations totalling \$1,700.

Thank you, gentlemen, for riding to the rescue! Truly, the AMA Spirit!

Phoning the museum

If you phone the museum and the lines are busy, leave a message, even if it simply says, "This is Joe Blow. Call me back." With our new phone system, we will not know you called unless you do leave a message, however brief. The system does not allow us the scroll back to see who has called and NOT left a message.

Our Museum Director and our valuable volunteers are committed to returning phone calls at the first opportunity but they can't do that if you don't leave a message. Caller ID does pop up when a call comes in but it goes away when the caller either leaves a message or hangs up.

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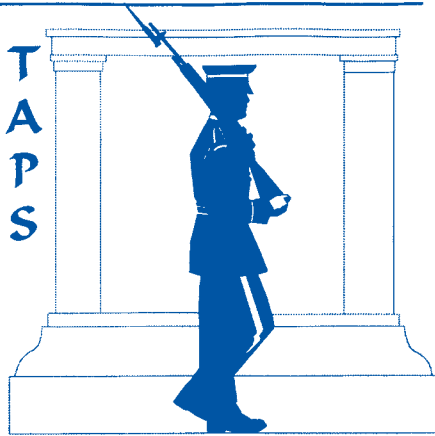
Was Baxter McNeer, '37, in the Flying Tigers?

For many years, we have thought that **Emerald Baxter McNeer**, '37, was in the famous Flying Tigers whose pilots harassed Japanese troops in China before the United States and Japan went to war on 7 December 1941.

Now, **Jerry Wildman**, '57, has found records at the University of North Carolina showing that McNeer graduated there in 1941, four years after leaving AMA. If McNeer had been a Flying Tiger, it would have been for a very short time since after the U.S. declared war on Japan that December, the Tigers were transferred to the American 18th Air Force.

Staff Sergeant McNeer, assigned as a waist gunner and special photographer in the 374th Bomber Squadron, 308th Bomber Group (H) was killed on 21 August 1943. Wildman is continuing to research McNeer's military record and asks that anyone who may know more about McNeer to contact him at wildman@pstbbs.com

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Cecil B. DePriest, '43

8 August 2011, at home in Staunton, 87. Virginia Tech. U. S. Army, 82nd Airborne, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. In World War II, Battle of the Bulge, German occupation and marched in victory parade in New York City. Life member, 505th Regimental Combat Team Association. For 30 years, claims adjuster for Nationwide Insurance. Square dancer and avid bass fisherman. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Thelma Mowry DePriest; two daughters, Martha DePriest Bushman and Wanda DePriest True; grandchildren, William Bushman, Anne Bushman Bongiovanni and Virginia Louise True; and great-grandchildren Katherine, Alan, Joseph and Harrison. At AMA: Day student.

Anthony Tobin Layng, '43

12 June 2011, Winston-Salem, NC. Professor of Anthropology. Solebury Prep, Rollins College and Columbia University with an MA from Indiana University and PhD in anthropology from Case Western. U.S. Marine Corps, Korean War, Purple Heart. Taught at Washington, Oberlin and Rollins Colleges before a 20 year tenure at Elmira College in New York State. Author of journal on the Caribe Indians of Dominica and numerous magazine articles. Involved in the Civil Rights

Movement in Mississippi and for four year leader for Operation Crossroads Africa in Lesotho. Served on Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission and on the Board of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Avid tennis player. Survived by his wife, Donna Crossed Layng; a daughter, Kristin Szakos, a member of the City Council in Charlottesville; two granddaughters, Anna and Maria Szakos; and two step-children; and a brother, **Geoff Layng, '47**, was Captain/Adjutant his senior year at Augusta.

Wilton W. Cousins, '44

2005, in Perry, FL. No details.

James P. Bowman, '50

7 June 2011, 79, at Augusta Health in Fishersville. Director of Social Services of Virginia. USAF active duty. Survived by his wife, Barbara Jean; a son, David; a daughter, Diane Bowman Pendleton; and two grandchildren, Lauren Elizabeth Davis and Ryan James Bowman. At AMA: sergeant in Band Company; Honor Roll, Camera Club.

A. Stuart Campbell, Jr., '53

June 1996 in Smyrna, DE. Survived by his wife, Betty. At AMA: sergeant in A Company; Rifle team; baseball.

Thurmond Carlyle "T.C." Lea, Jr., 55

5 August 2011, Orange, VA, 74, after a long illness. BS from Virginia Tech and Doctor of Law from the T. C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. Virginia State Bar, certified to practice before the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, the Virginia Supreme Court and the Federal District Court for Western Virginia. Survived by his wife, Frances Fletcher Smith Lea; his children, Thurmond Lea, Julia Lea Godek, H. H. Davis Lea, Daniel Lea, Catherine Lea and Virginia Lea Blaser; grandchildren, Allison, Fallon, Carlyle, Anna, Mary Page, Sarah, Rebecca, Benjamin, Connor, Ian, Abigail, Mason and Isabella; great-grandchildren, Chase and Sterling; and a sister, Mary Maphis. At AMA: Captain, C Company; varsity football; baseball; Honor Committee; Roller Riders; Honor Roll; Student Body Officer; Cotillion Club, *Ad Astra per Aspera*.

Richard "Red" Newman, '61

22 April 2011, of metastatic melanoma, in Macon, GA, 71. Served four years in

the U. S. Marine Corps. Representative with Confederate Packaging. Coached youth baseball in the Dixie Youth League. President, Optimist Club. President, Mt. DeSales Athletic and Literary Association. Survived by his wife of 43 years, Paula Moore Newman; two daughters, Jenny Newman Myers of Fayetteville, GA and Dottie Newman Morgan of Macon; a son, Rick, of Macon; a granddaughter, Maddie Myers of Fayetteville; a sister, Rebecca Bullock of Greensboro, NC and two brothers, Walt Newman of Roanoke and David Newman of Concord, NC. At AMA: sergeant, Headquarters Company, football, basketball, track, lacrosse.

Richard A. Johns, III, '62

12 May 2011, 68, Amelia, VA. U. S. Army, Sergeant, C Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry. Survived by his wife, Vicki, and a son, Jason. At AMA: sergeant, baseball, football, tennis, Cotillion Club.

Edward J. Kotz, Jr., '63

18 February 2011, cancer, Milford, DE. A police officer in New Castle County, DE for 25 years, then systems analyst for a local company there. Met his wife, now Dr. Mary Ellen Kotz, at a yearbook convention at Washington and Lee. At AMA: A Company, Cotillion Club, *Recall* photographer. Took one of the first aerial pictures of the AMA campus and continued his photographic avocation with the police department.

William Adomeit, '72

14 March 2008, in Las Vegas, 53. U. S. Air Force. Became Nevada Highway Patrolman and in 1988 received Medal of Valor for going beyond the call of duty at an explosion at a Pepco plant in Henderson, NV which killed two people and injured more than 350. After retiring, became Las Vegas Chief Business License officer. Survived by his wife, Maria, and children Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael, Technical Sergeant William, Jr., Michelle Del Rio and Philip Raia. At AMA: Staff sergeant, Roller Rifles, Honor Roll

Remember an AMA friend, a teacher, a roommate or parent by having a laser engraved paver installed in front of the AMA Museum.

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MILITARY FAMILY - This picture was taken in 1942 or 1943. The AMA cadets are, left, Geof Layng who went on to be Captain Adjutant his senior year and at right, Tony Layng, who passed away on 12 June 2011. The officer is their Dad, then Colonel Grant Layng, CO, 71st Regiment, 44th Division, on the eve of his deployment to Europe. Layng retired after World War Two as a three star general. Geof now lives in San Clemente, CA and Tony lived in Winston-Salem, NC.



Jim Bowman,
1950 Recall



Stuart Campbell,
1953 Recall



T. C. Lea, Jr.,
1955 Recall



Richard Newman,
1961 Recall



Richard Johns,
1962 Recall



Ed Kotz, Jr.,
1963 Recall



Bill Adomeit,
1972 Recall



Coach Bill Ralph,
1960 Recall

Why don't we have photos of all our alumni who have passed away? Before 1946, only seniors had individual photos and were identified. It seems that very few Day Boys bothered to have their photo taken. If we don't have a photo of a friend or relative, perhaps you can furnish one that we can run in a later edition.

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The Roller Society logo, left, infers that your gift will keep on giving, echoing over the years, enabling us to repeatedly fund the programs that define who we are, assuring that your name will be remembered long after you are gone.

Members of the Roller Society as of 8 September 2011

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Art Hurme, `61
Sally Balch Hurme, SH `64

ACTIVE

Colonel Mal Livick
Linda Roller Livick
John Maragon, Fishburne MS
Noelle Nicholson
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Donald Studer
Dr. Mel Alper, `39
Frank Shultz, `41
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Gary Gertz, `75
Chris Meek, `84

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Dolores H. Toombs
Jeanne Ramsey
(Mrs. Clyde, `49)
Joseph Salicrup, `31
Tom Roller, `36
Mickey Gordon, `39
Jack Jansing, `43
Herb McCawley, `43
Robert Spilman, `45
Carroll Knicely, `46
Bobby Rhea, `47
Paul Bratton, `48
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Bill Harris, `48
Dr. John Morris, `49
Tommy Simmons, `53
Terry Snow, `58
Gary Nicholson, `70



The way in which we hope to keep the name of Augusta Military Academy alive after our lifetimes is with proceeds from the Roller Society. If you have questions, please talk with an AMA Alumni Foundation Trustee or contact our Museum Director Crysta Stephenson by phone at 540/248-3007, or by e-mail at AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net. Thank you!

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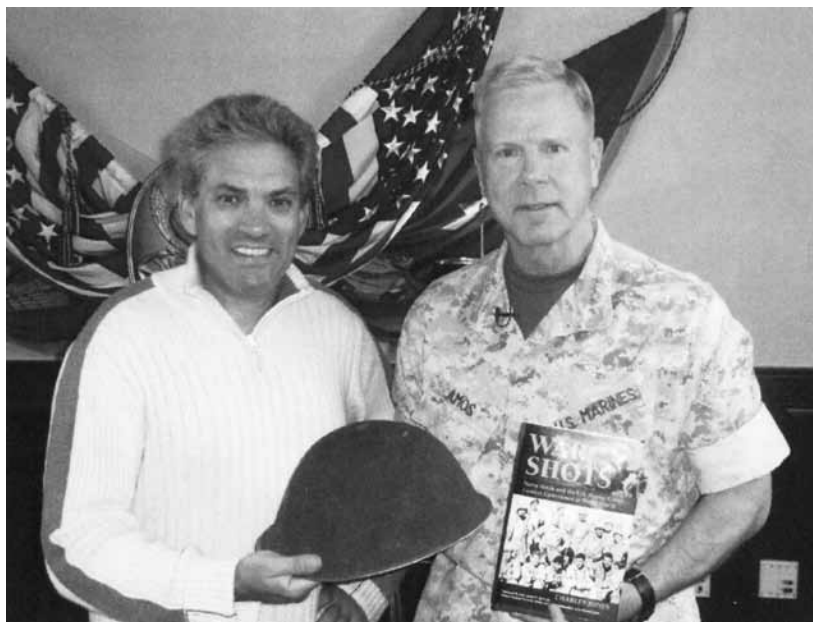
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Thank you, Tommy Simmons! Tommy was a member of the Roller Society and left a handsome bequest, above, for the AMA Alumni Foundation. Follow Tommy's example and join the Roller Society today!



TOP BRASS - Steve Barber, '78, from Santa Monica, CA, presents to General James Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, a World War Two Japanese helmet recovered when Barber, a documentary film producer, was filming on Tarawa.



RESEARCHING - Ken Frohlich, '74, is shown checking yearbooks from his days at AMA. Ken is from Kingsport, TN.



ABOVE, Randy Hollingsworth, '73, checks out yearbooks at the museum. He's from Winterville, NC. Left, David Hunt, '59, and family visit from Oceanside, CA.



100 YEARS AGO - The AMA football team from 1911. Note the Tower, upper left, and the story on the facing page. Then Major Charles S. Roller, Jr., the Big Boy, is seated, upper left, with his 15 month old son, Charles S. Roller, III, Linda Roller Livick's father, who was killed 28 years later in a 1938 auto accident at Verona. Others in the photo are identified as follows: 1st row, Gibbon, Campbell, Gallagher (Captain), Bray and Burdett, F. 2nd row, Fraser, Acree, Batholdi, Clemmer, T., Schlooke, Reed and Morrasity, H. 3rd row, Major Roller with his son, Harman, Goodwin, Gregg, Clemmer, F., and Captain McCreedy.

As we were going to press, we learned that Norvell West, '83, was undergoing surgery for a liver ailment. Norvell, know that we are all thinking about you and praying for you. Get well fast, friend!

Ray Sanchez, '63, writes that he has found **Manuel de la Concha, '62**, living in Venezuela *"and fighting the dictator."* Manuel's e-mail: maconpo@gmail.com. Ray lives in Pflugerville, TX.
[claudio3@swbell.net]

Need "stuff" for golfers' "goody bags" at reunion

We are already lining up things to put in the golfers' goody bags at Reunion 2012. If you have an item that perhaps your company makes, please collect about three dozen of them and get them off to Fort Defiance. Golf balls, pens, caps, whatever.

Send to: AMA Golfers, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.

Many thanks!

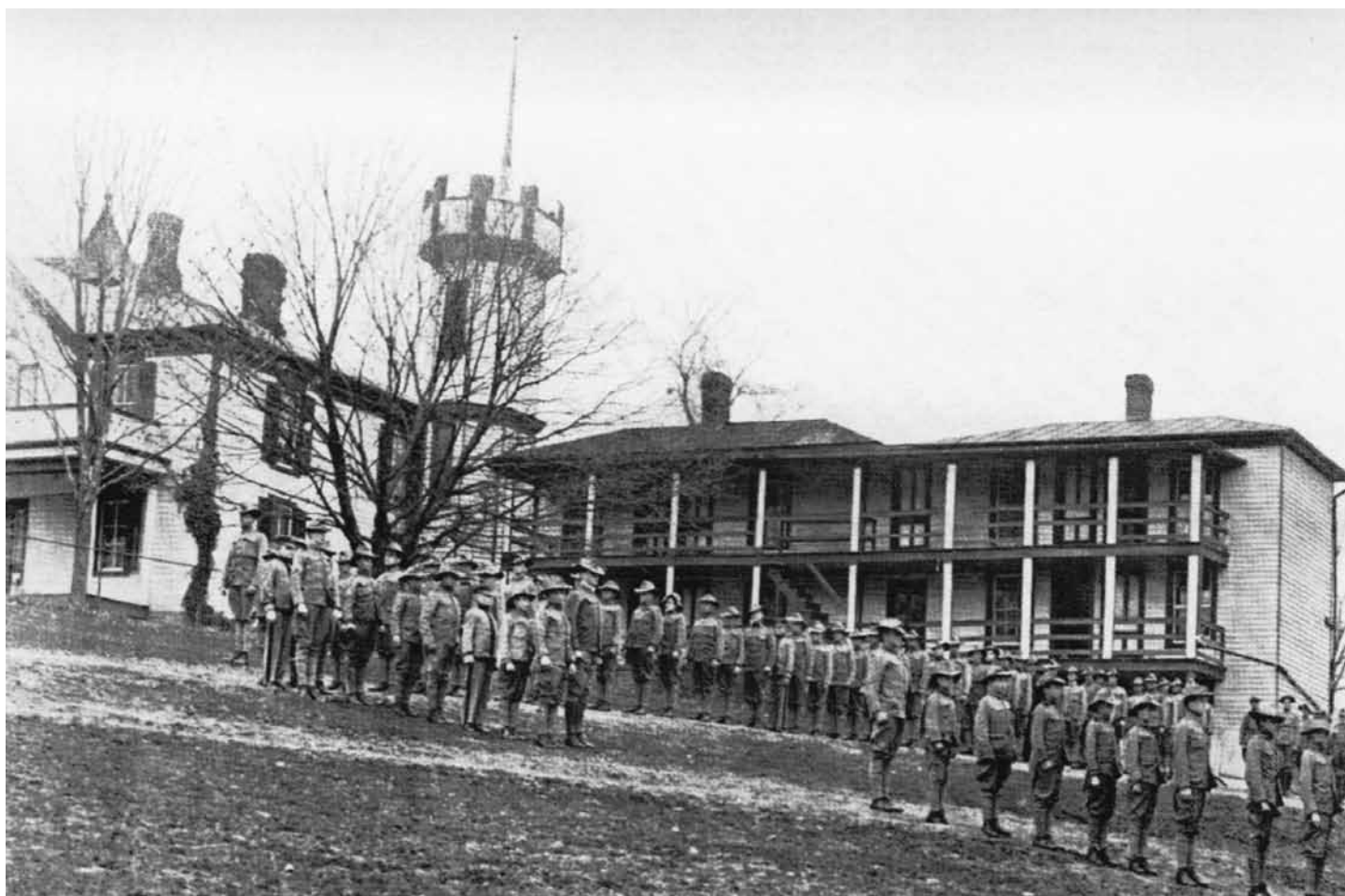
By-laws and Articles of Incorporation to be on line

The Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws for both the AMA Alumni Association and AMA Alumni Foundation will soon be available on line.

Recent changes have been made in the Foundation by-laws and will be incorporated in what is available on line.

A study of the two explains clearly why we have these two organizations rather than just one.

"Take him to The Tower"



100 YEARS AGO - This photo from the 1911 *Recall* shows the Cadet Corps that year with The Hill, later known as Deane's Castle, in the background. To the left is the home of AMA's founder, Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr., which is now the AMA Alumni House/Museum and immediately behind the house is the wooden tower which stood there in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

It stood there for some 32 years and today no one knows for absolute certainty the uses to which it was put.

It was a tower made of wood which probably was erected around 1881 and demolished around 1914, about the time that the construction of Big Barracks was completed. **Art Hurme, '61**, and **Greg Pearce, '65**, have been investigating and have come to some interesting conclusions.

"It appears that the old tower was built to give an otherwise ordinary looking Shenandoah Valley farm and its out buildings a military appearance and to make the location look more like a military academy," Hurme surmises.

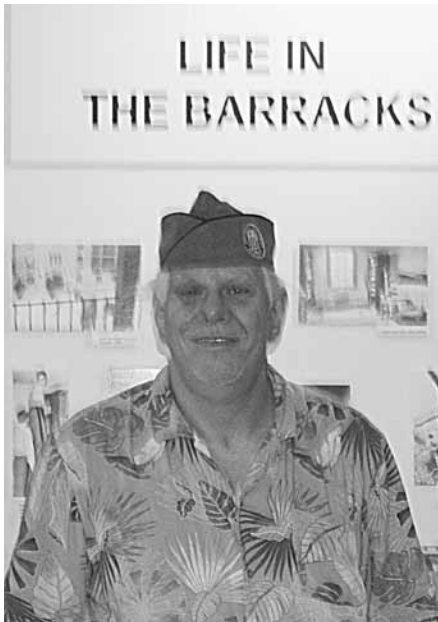
Based on old photos and illustrations, the tower was not there in 1880 but was there in 1882. That would be shortly after **Professor Roller** opened the Augusta Male Academy at his home (probably 1874), now the AMA Alumni House/Museum. The school became Augusta Military Academy around 1890. Before locating the school at his home, Professor Roller had taught at various times in Mount Sidney and at or near the Old Stone Church.

"The best evidence we have is that the tower was used as an armory for cadet rifles and other weaponry," says Hurme,

"and importantly it had a flag pole on top of it." **Sergeant Don Studer** says there is photographic confirmation that there was a walkway between the tower and the second floor of Deane's Castle. The tower had a small footprint and stood higher than any other nearby buildings being at least three stories tall with embrasures on the parapet (battlement) as seen in the photo, above. Hurme thinks the octagonal building either had ladders inside or a circular staircase which connected the floors.

When Big Barracks was completed in 1915, there was a secure armory in its basement and *"an impressive flag tower"* negating the need for the old wooden structure. Hurme imagines that the tower would have been *"dismantled carefully so that the lumber and timber could be used for other buildings if the wood was not rotten or insect damaged."*

For more than three decades, the wooden tower in Fort Defiance was an Augusta County landmark evoking fanciful images of European royalty but for all of the imaginings produced when one thinks of Henry VIII's tower, it was doubtful that Professor Roller ever "cast" one of his students into the old tower as punishment for some schoolboy infraction!



HE WAS STAN RASBERRY, '72, when he went to AMA but now he calls himself Stan McDonald. While visiting the campus, he reminisced about getting ready for assembly. Stan lives in Milledgeville, GA.



A LITTLE YARD WORK. While her husband, Art Hurme, '61, was in the museum doing some research on AMA's World War One KIAs, Sally, a 1964 graduate of Stuart Hall, spruced up the front lawn.



MR. AND MRS. GREG DURAN, '73, spent a lot of time looking around the museum on their visit in July. They live in Raleigh, NC. Greg was on both the *Bayonet* and *Recall* staffs when he was an AMA cadet.

OOPS

In the Summer 2011 issue, we printed a death notice for long time AMA friend **Polly Webb Agnor** who passed away on 25 March. We gave her age as 91 when in fact she was 82. Thanks to **Linda Livick** for that correction.

In listing table sponsors for the 2011 **Casino Night**, several names were left off of the "Thank You" list: **Alex Wattay, '53, Jerry Arnold, '66, Howard Rosenthal, '68, and George Mineff, '77.**

On the roster of the **Chairman's Round Table (CRT)**, those who have pledged to give to the Foundation at least \$1,000 a year for five years, three names were mistakenly left off: **Rick Smail, '57, Duke Fancher, '58, and Lee Lewis, '77.**

On the roster of Roller Society members in the last issue, the names of **Sally Barch Hurme** and **Art, '61,** were left off inadvertently.

Sally graduated from Stuart Hall in 1964.

Your editor must start looking at the second page of documents sent to him!

Very sorry for these errors.



SAFE AT HOME - Loyal alumnus Julian Quarles, '35, and Jay Allen visit the AMA Museum after Julian returned home from a long visit to Oklahoma (See Class Notes, page 3, and page 46).

Director Stephenson attends history meeting

AMA's Museum Director **Crysta Stephenson** attended the annual meeting of the American Association of State and Local History in Richmond 14-17 September, held in the State capital to mark the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

AASLH meetings are held each year in major cities far from Virginia making travel costs prohibitive for a small museum like ours *"but what luck that this year's meeting is here in our State,"* Stephenson said.

She took part in the full slate of seminars for the four day event including how to improve the visitor's experience in a museum and a luncheon devoted to the directors of small museums such as ours. Other seminars covered memorial and tribute articles in a collection, sustaining a house museum environment and finding future supporters and new models of fund raising.

As important as any other aspect of the meeting was Crysta's opportunity to rub elbows with directors of other small museums from around the country.

Credit cards cost Foundation, PX

Credit cards are so convenient and many people use them almost exclusively so they can earn airline points, but credit cards create a charge to the AMA PX, Association or Foundation.

Says Museum Director Stephenson, *"We have to pay north of two per cent on every credit card charge. In other words, if you donate \$100 to AMA on your credit card, VISA, Discover, MasterCard or American Express will collect more than two dollars so that AMA will get something less than 98 dollars."*

If you want to use a credit card, we will be more than delighted to accept your generosity! But we wanted you to know that we will not get the full amount of your contribution if it comes on a credit card.

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ATTENDING ALUMNI BOARD MEETING - Rod Willey, '51, Doug Carter, '72, and Paul Karch, '79, in the Alumni House Board Room.

Christmas idea - the AMA cookbook

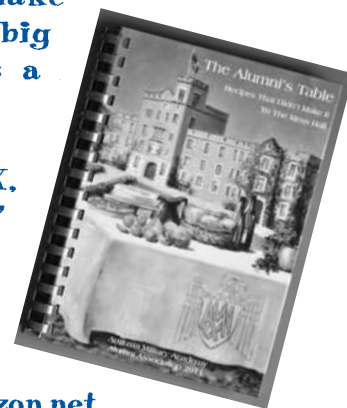
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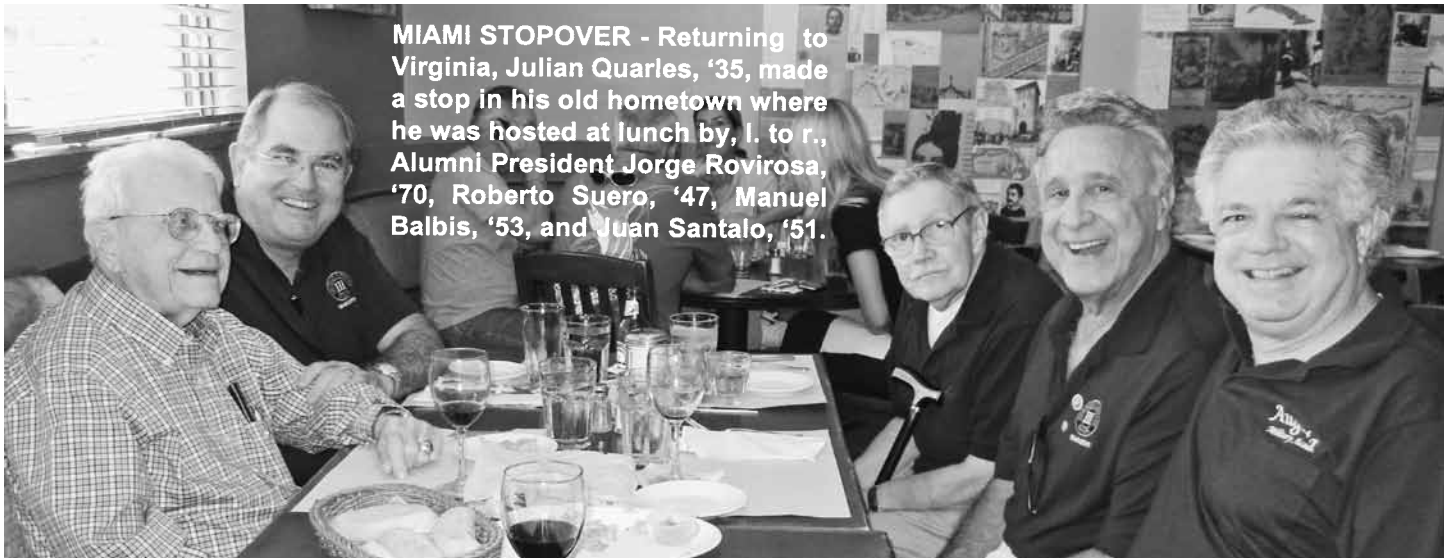
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The cookbook was lovingly assembled by Becky (Mrs. Garry, 71) Granger and cover art is by Kiki (Mrs. Jorge, 70) Rovirosa. The book contains treats from alumni, former teachers and AMA friends and is a gift sure to please anyone who loves AMA.

Order a dozen to have on hand for special occasions.





MIAMI STOPOVER - Returning to Virginia, Julian Quarles, '35, made a stop in his old hometown where he was hosted at lunch by, l. to r., Alumni President Jorge Roviroso, '70, Roberto Suero, '47, Manuel Balbis, '53, and Juan Santalo, '51.

Quake rattles AMA Museum

If you live in earthquake country, a 5.8 tremor is not normally a very big deal but if such a quake rattles things in Virginia, that is big news.

On 23 August, **Doug Carter, '72, Sergeant Don Studer** and **Museum Director Crysta Stephenson** were at the AMA Museum putting together binders for the upcoming Foundation Trustee meeting when there was "a bang and things began to shake." An out of the ordinary earthquake, centered in Mineral, VA near Charlottesville, had struck, the second largest quake on record in Virginia and one felt from Maine to Georgia.

Carter said, "There was a bang and then a shaking. At first, I thought it was a sonic boom from a plane but we started getting phone calls from all over asking if we were OK. Crysta took some pictures of the campus to show that everything was OK and e-mailed them to our alumni."

There was no damage on the campus, just a few pictures which needed to be straightened.

Geologists explained that the quake in Virginia was felt so far away because unlike the West Coast, the rocks on the East Coast are solid and convey the shocks over greater distances.

And the next week, Hurricane Irene trudged up the East Coast but the Valley was spared its effects.



Keeping us jealous

In an effort to keep us all jealous of their new Hawaiian style of living, **Mac McInnis, '67**, and Mary Kay continue to send us photos of their paradise on the Big Island. Above, Mary Kay at the Coffee Shack looking down on Captain Cook Bay where the good captain met his demise.

Says Mac, "We walked in to discover that the young lady behind the counter is from Charlottesville and she was talking with an Asian couple who live in Ashburn, VA, both having gone to JMU! What are the odds?"

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About military headstones

Greg Pearce, '65, annually assists in placing Christmas wreaths at the Arlington National Cemetery (see story at right) and has uncovered a site that tells about where the military gets their headstones.

The site takes you inside the Vermont mountain where the marble is actually mined.

Go to: <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7367662n>

NOTICE! ANC wreath laying this year will be on Sat 10 December

Greg Pearce, '65, announces that the 2011 Holiday Wreath Laying at Arlington National Cemetery will be on Saturday 10 December.

For the 20th year, Morrill Worcester of Maine will be providing wreaths and he is looking for help. The first year, 5,000 wreaths were placed and in 2010, 25,000 wreaths were laid on heroes' graves.

Greg has been volunteering for the last few years and hopes that some other AMA alumni will join in the effort at Arlington this year.

Wreaths Across America sponsored wreath laying ceremonies at more than 150 locations around the country in 2010, including Pearl Harbor. Blue Bird Ranch provides the trucks to haul the wreaths from Maine to Virginia for Arlington. Members of VFW and American Legion posts decorate each wreath with a traditional red hand-tied bow. The Maine Society helps to organize the event at ANC.

For more information, sign on to www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org.

If you would like to help with the wreath laying at ANC on 10 December, contact Greg at: gregp692@yahoo.com.

He'll be glad to explain to you what is required and where to report if you volunteer. Last year, Greg was able to place one of the wreaths on the grave of **Sergeant Joe Josephson**.



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See page 32.



RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR FORCE ONE - LTC Goodloe Saunders, '57, had responsibility for the plane that flew three Presidents. Story on page 25.

